

18th AUGUST, 1990

EVERY MONDAY 40p

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Buster

The All-Colour comic

**BORED WITH
BLACK 'n'
WHITE
COMIC
STRIPS?**

**OUR STRIPS
ARE ALL IN
COLOUR**

**RICKY
RAINBOW
X-RAY SPECS
CHALKY
TOM THUG**

take a look inside

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RICKY HAD MET VICKY—THE WORLD'S MOST COLOURFUL GIRL!

BAH! I JUST CAN'T IMPRESS VICKY! SHE'S A COLOUR-CHANGER, TOO!



GOT IT! I'LL IMPRESS HER WITH MY OTHER TALENTS!

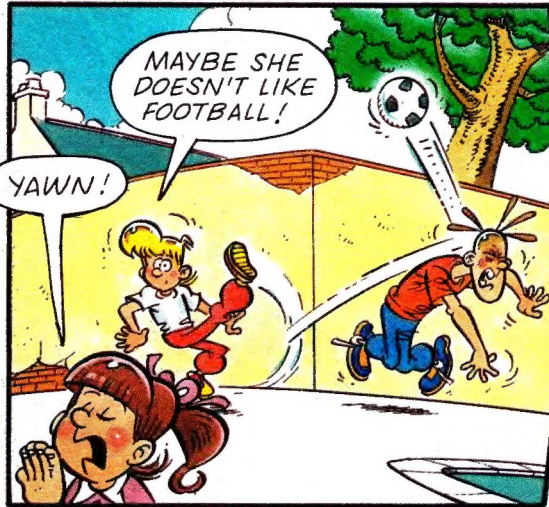


I'M STRIKER FOR THE SCHOOL TEAM!



MAYBE SHE DOESN'T LIKE FOOTBALL!

YAWN!

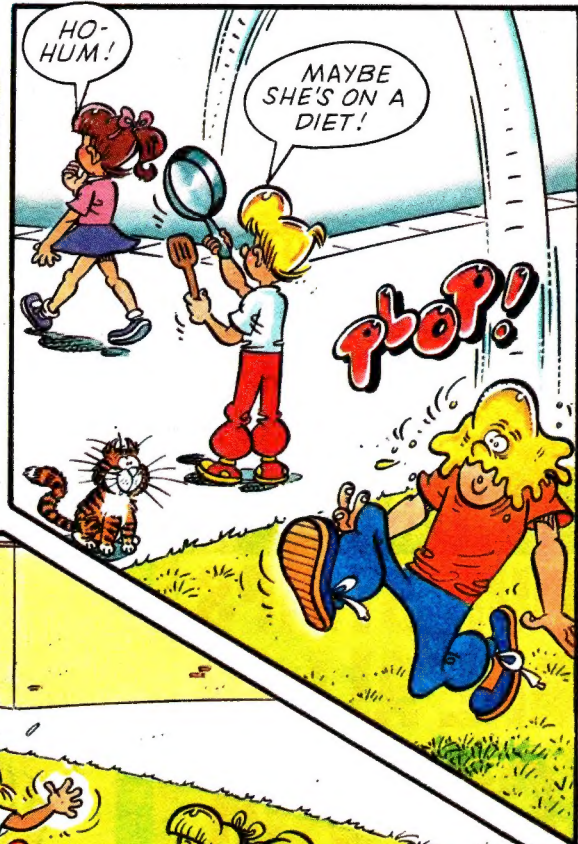


I'M GOOD IN THE KITCHEN, TOO!

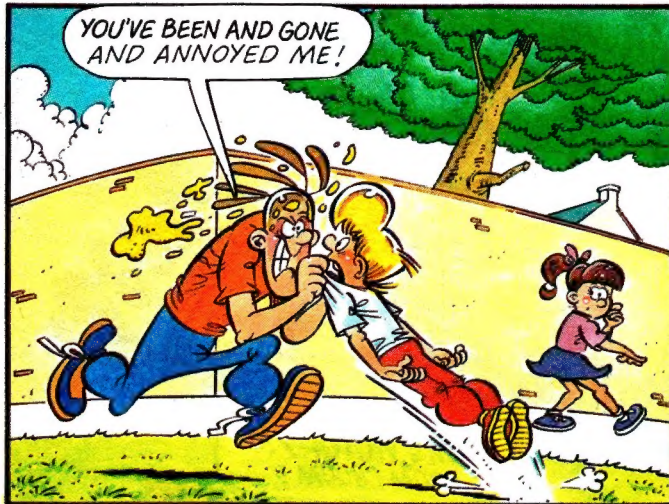


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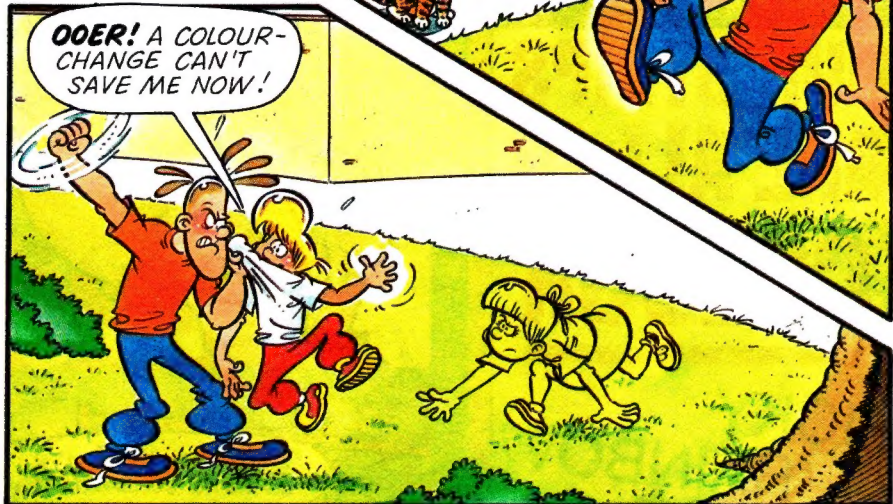
MAYBE SHE'S ON A DIET!



YOU'VE BEEN AND GONE AND ANNOYED ME!

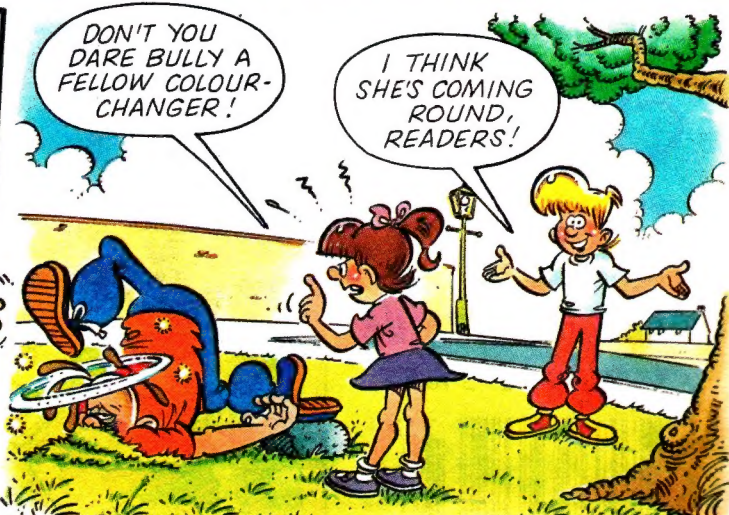


OOER! A COLOUR-CHANGE CAN'T SAVE ME NOW!

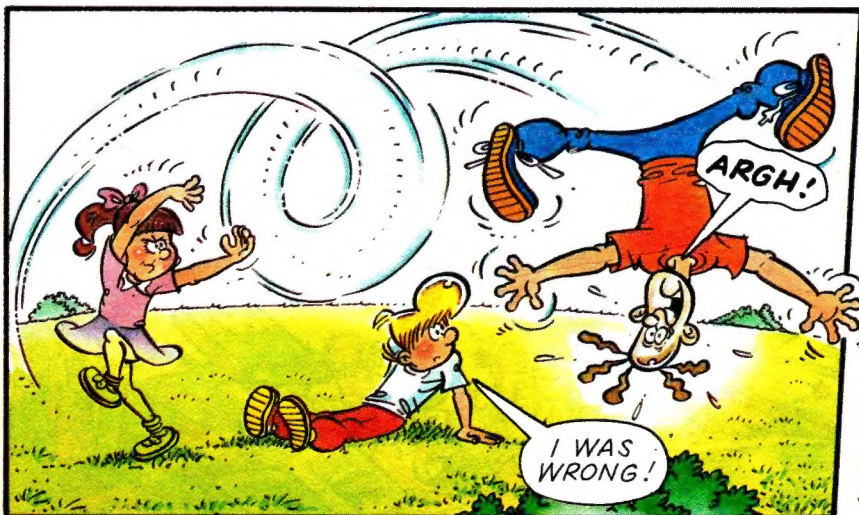


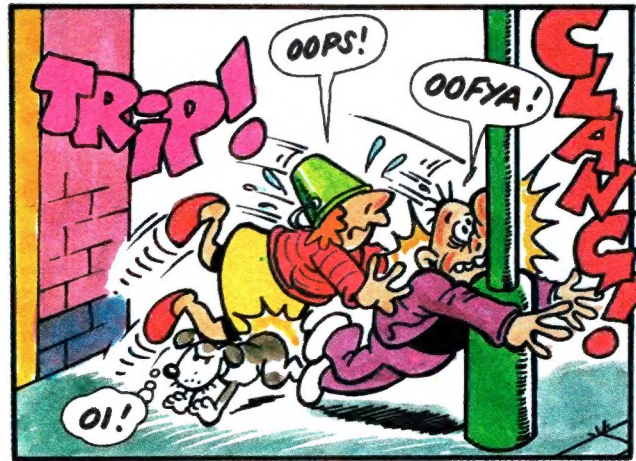
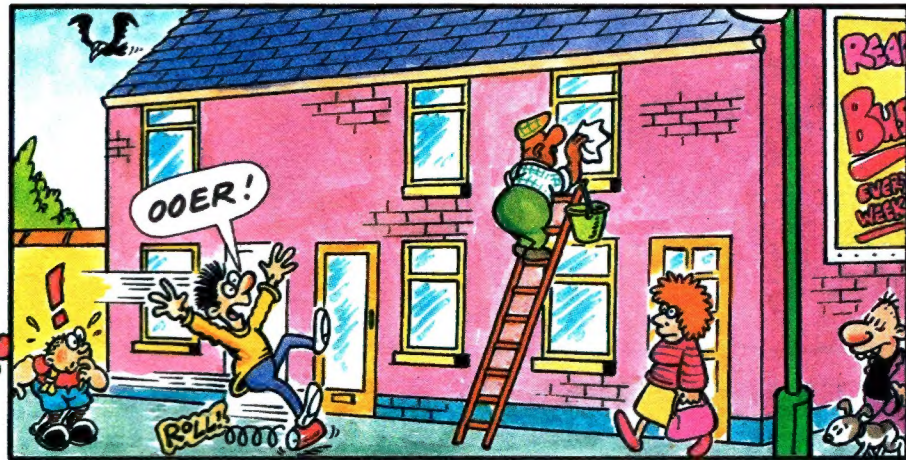
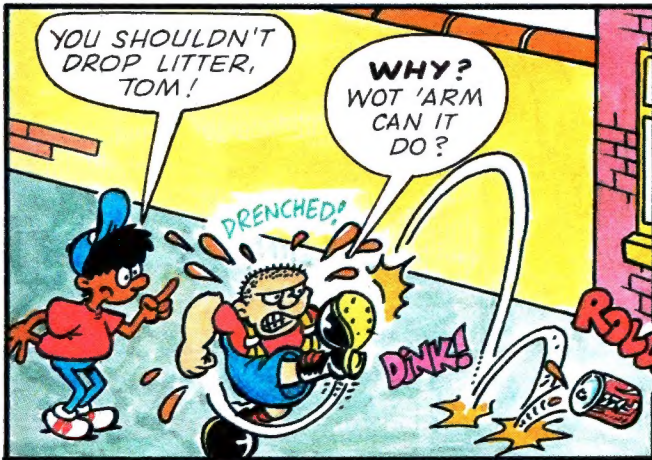
DON'T YOU DARE BULLY A FELLOW COLOUR-CHANGER!

I THINK SHE'S COMING ROUND, READERS!



I WAS WRONG!





SCHOOL BELLE

HERE I AM AT AN "ADVENTURE HOLIDAY RESORT"! ... I'VE GOT TWO DISHY BOY-FRIENDS ALREADY... KEVIN AND SIMON!



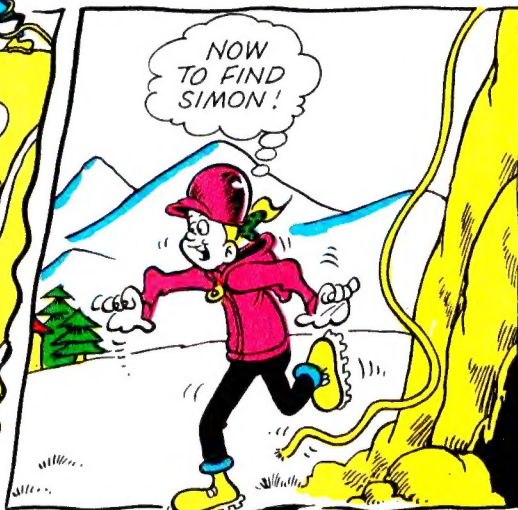
OKAY, BELLE, WE'RE ON THE SUMMIT... LET'S STAY HERE FOR THE REST OF THE DAY!



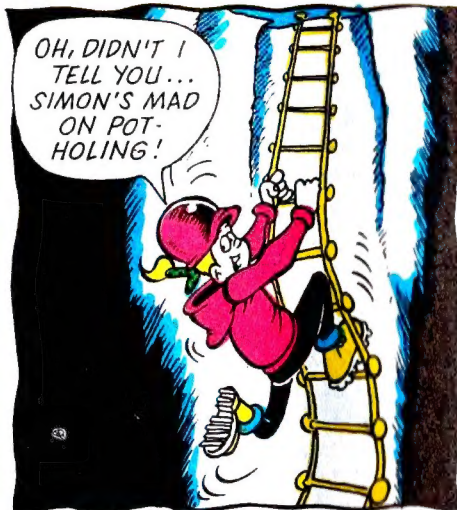
SORRY, KEVIN! I'VE GOT AN AFTERNOON DATE WITH SIMON! 'BYE!



NOW TO FIND SIMON!

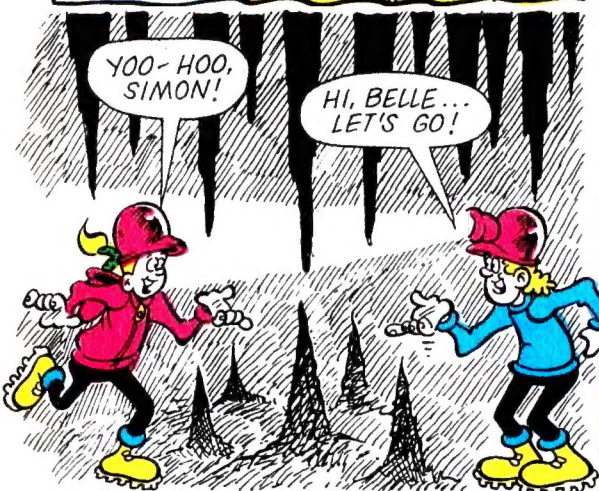


OH, DIDN'T I TELL YOU... SIMON'S MAD ON POT-HOLING!

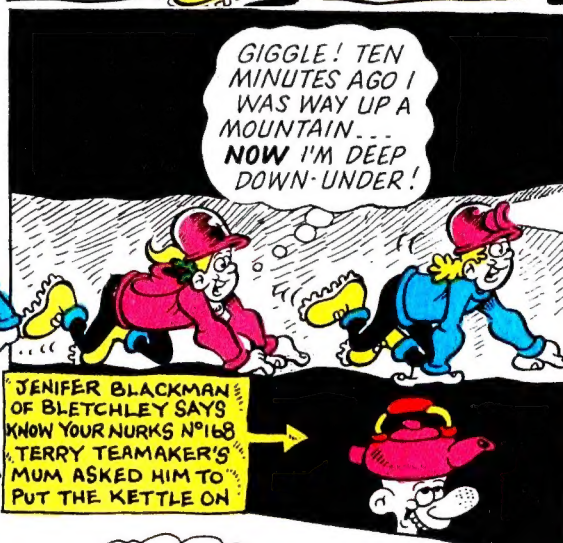


YOO-HOO, SIMON!

HI, BELLE... LET'S GO!

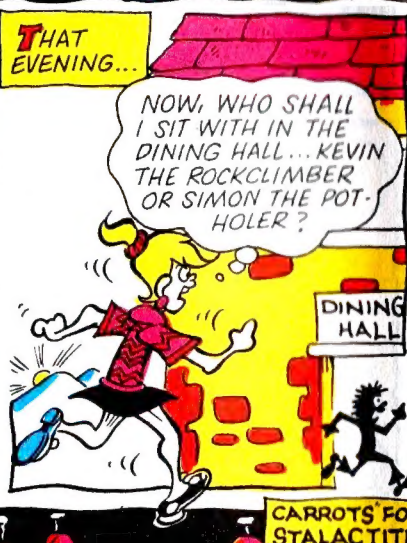


GIGGLE! TEN MINUTES AGO I WAS WAY UP A MOUNTAIN... NOW I'M DEEP DOWN-UNDER!



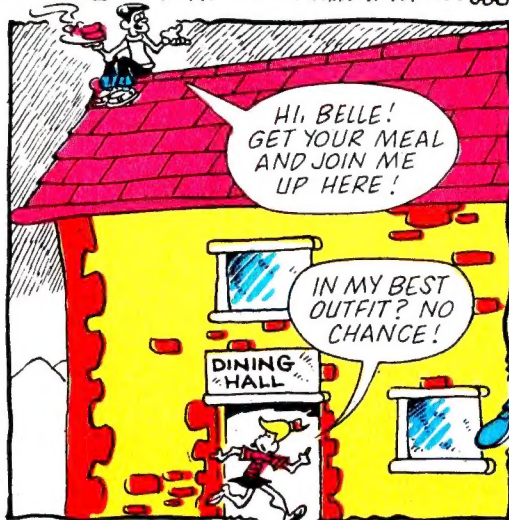
THAT EVENING...

NOW, WHO SHALL I SIT WITH IN THE DINING HALL... KEVIN THE ROCKCLIMBER OR SIMON THE POT-HOLER?

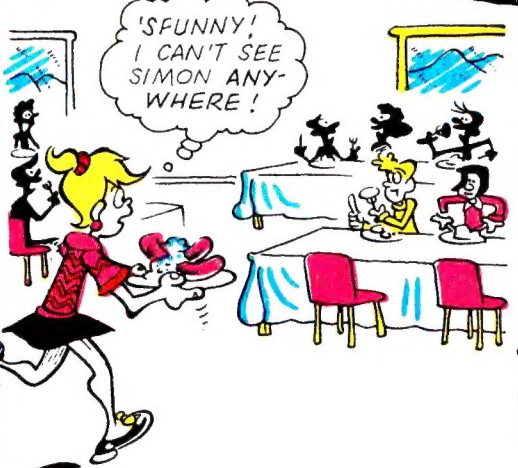


HI, BELLE! GET YOUR MEAL AND JOIN ME UP HERE!

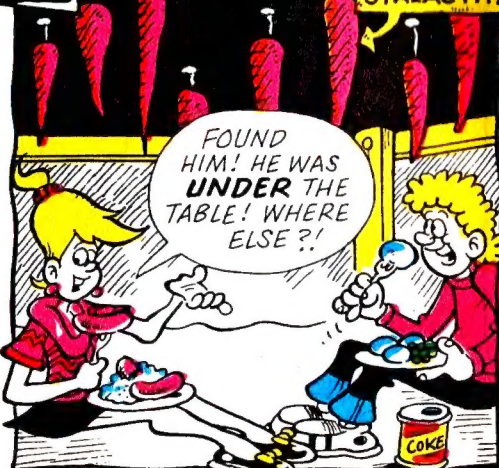
IN MY BEST OUTFIT? NO CHANCE!



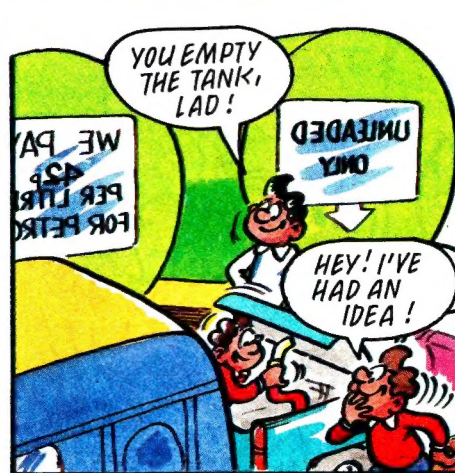
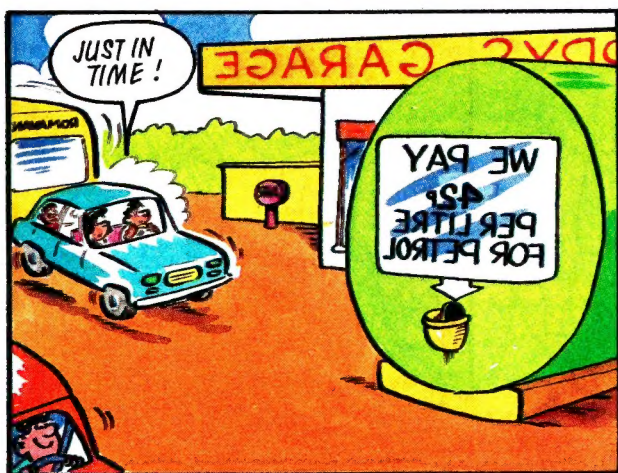
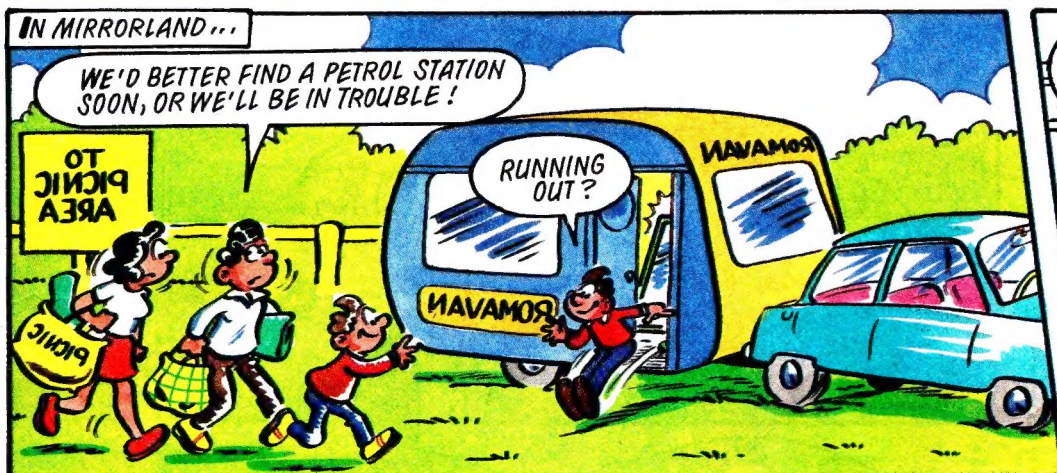
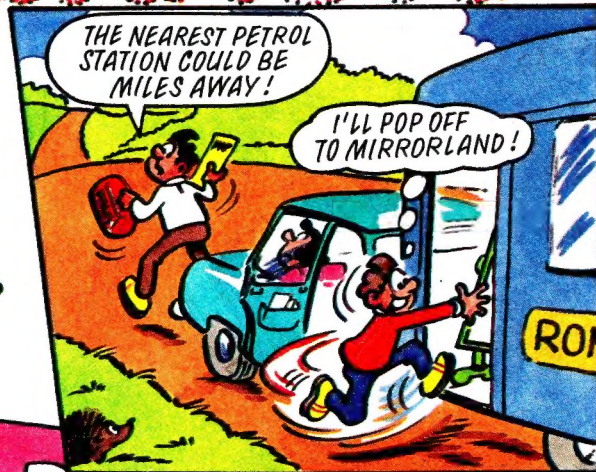
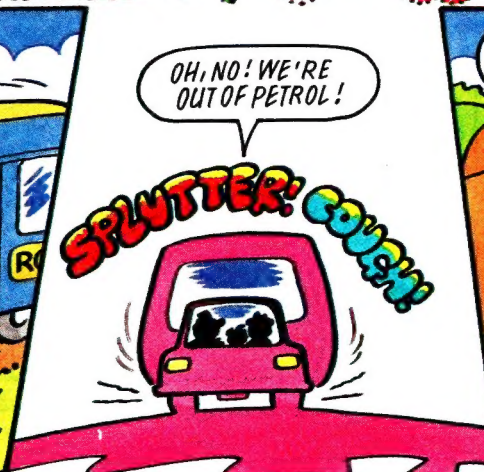
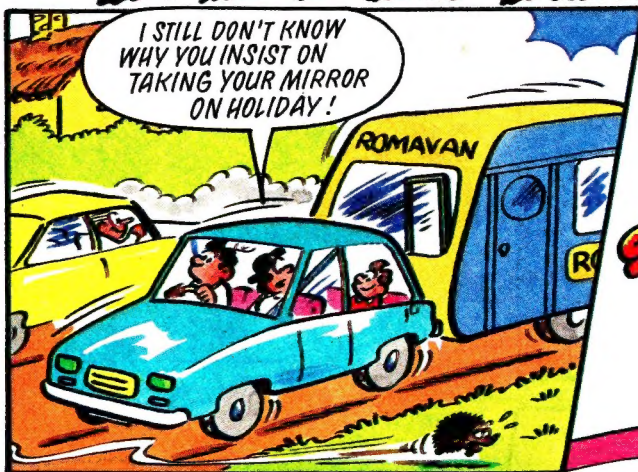
'SFUNNY! I CAN'T SEE SIMON ANYWHERE!



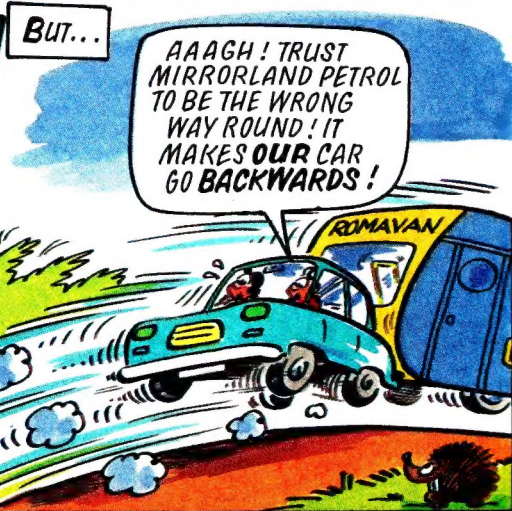
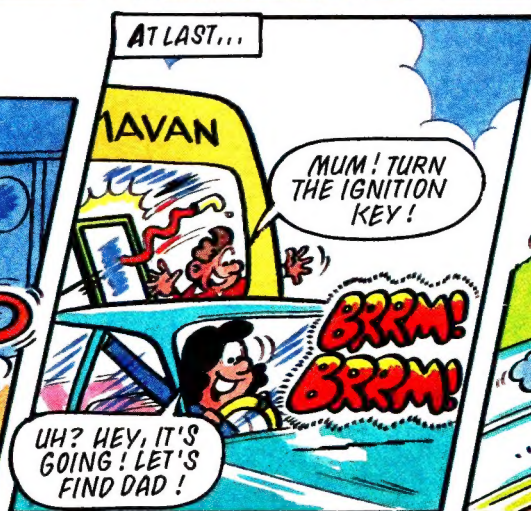
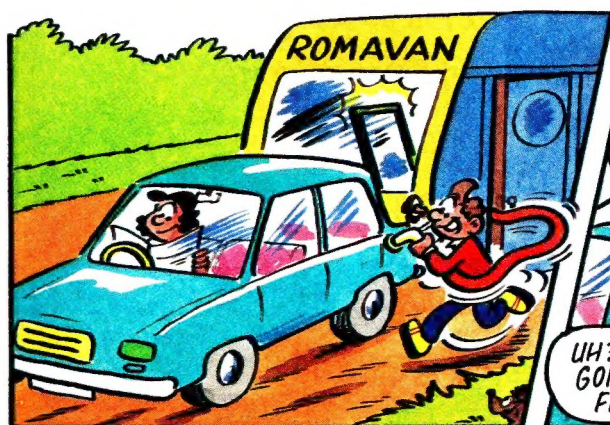
FOUND HIM! HE WAS UNDER THE TABLE! WHERE ELSE?!

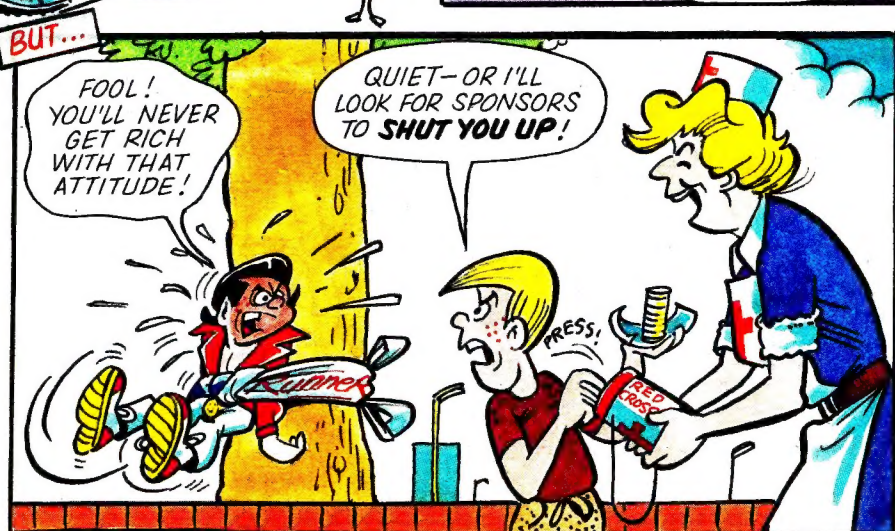
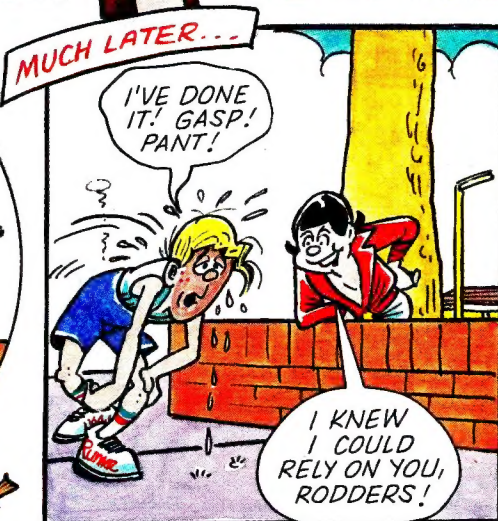
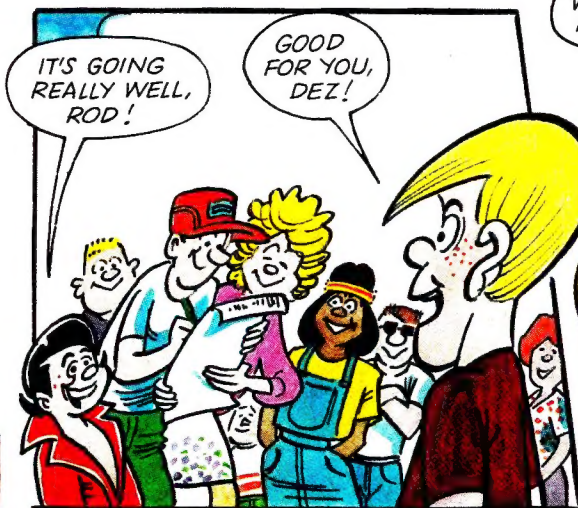
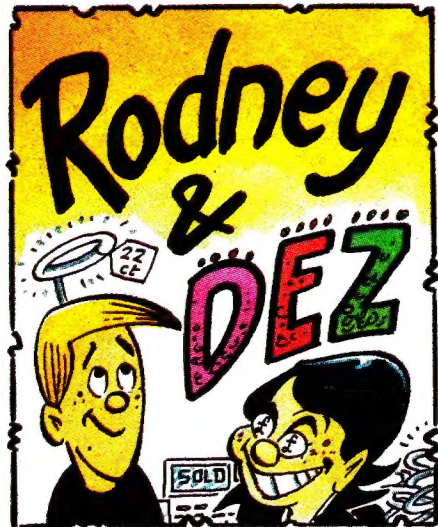


MELVYN'S MIRROR



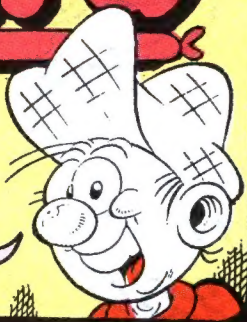
BACK IN RIGHT-WAY-ROUND LAND...





Buster's Pin-board

GOT ANY DRAWINGS YOU'VE DONE -
MESSAGES YOU'D LIKE SENT - RHYMES
YOU'VE MADE UP - OR ANYTHING ELSE
YOU'D LIKE ME TO SEE? DON'T BE SHY,
SEND THEM IN, AND IF I PUT THEM
UP ON MY PIN-BOARD, I'LL SEND YOU
A £2 POSTAL ORDER IN RETURN!



Mark Hibbs
76 Beechwood Rd
fishponds
Bristol
BS16 3TW

Is there a reader in
Australia whose name
is David Hill who used
to live in England
7 years ago?
If you read this, David,
please can you write to
me, as we lost contact
about 5 years ago.

- Mark Hibbs

Buster is the Best,
He always beats the rest,
He's the coolest guy I know,
He's cool from head to toe.
I think his comic's brill,
It really is a thrill.
It always beats the Dandy,
The Bunty and the Mandy.
His cap is always green,
It's the grooviest thing I've seen.
When I'm reading Buster,
I never take a rest
'Cause Buster is the coolest
And Buster is the 'BEST'.

- Tracey Cassidy Age 10
Greenock.



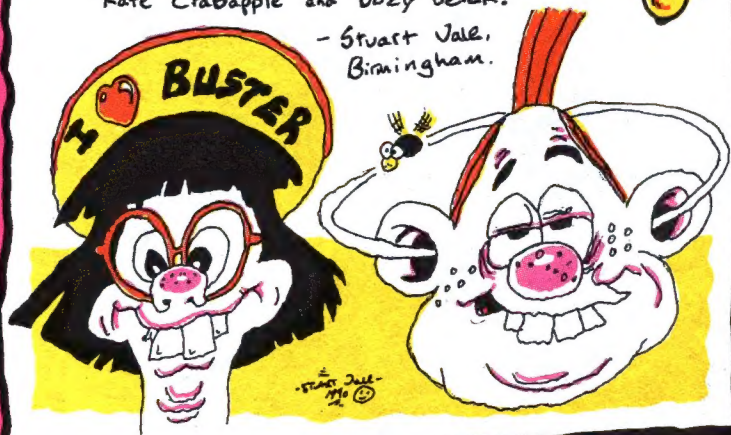
← Dear Buster,
This is what
I think the Buster
Editor looks like!

He has got:-

Vid kids hair.
Mad Mac's head band.
Ray's Specs.
Dracula Dobbs' fangs.
Chalky's jumper.
Brenda Baggs' arms.
Buster's trousers.
Tom THUG's shoes.
and he's holding Ivor's pocket
money.
from Sam Bourton,
York.

Dear Buster,
Please could you print my picture of
Kate Crabapple and Dozy Oesak.

- Stuart Vale,
Birmingham.



IF RICKY RAINBOW FELL
INTO A POT OF GLUE, HE'D
BE STICKY RICKY!

- Sarah Davies, Barnstaple.

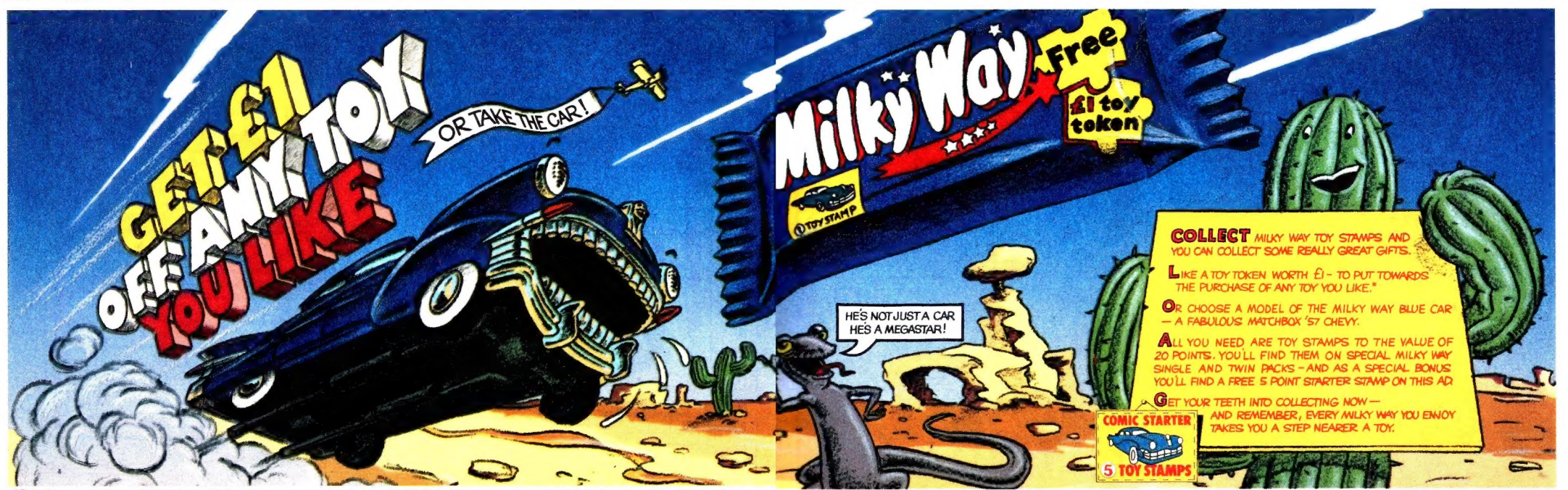
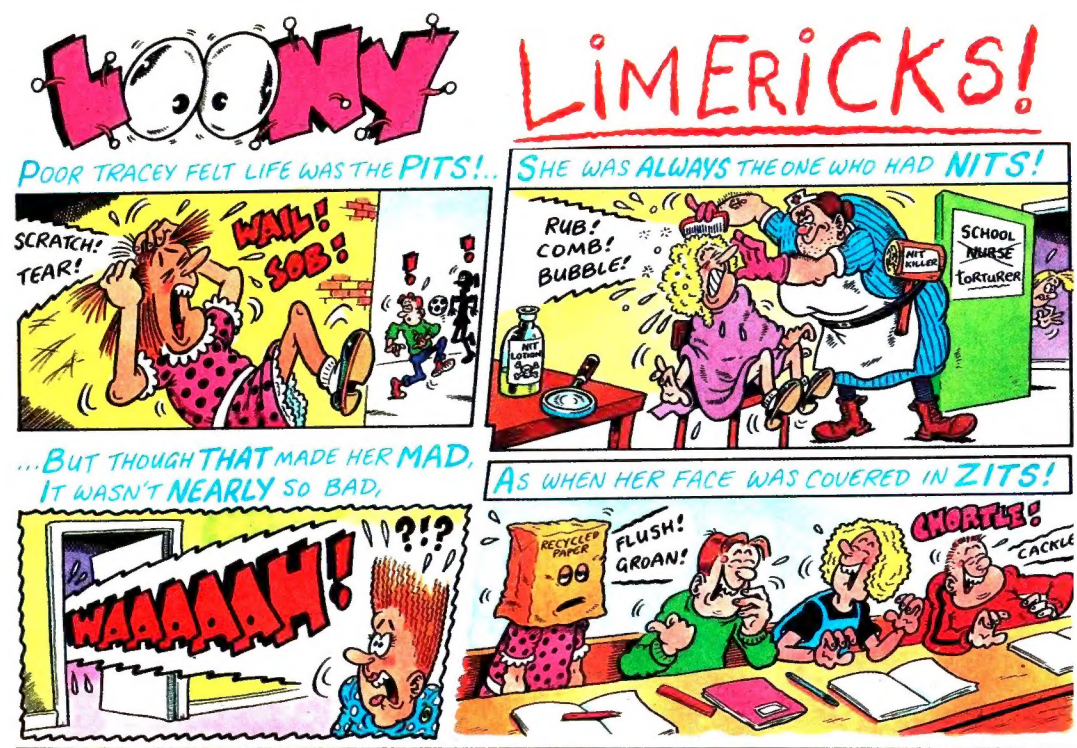
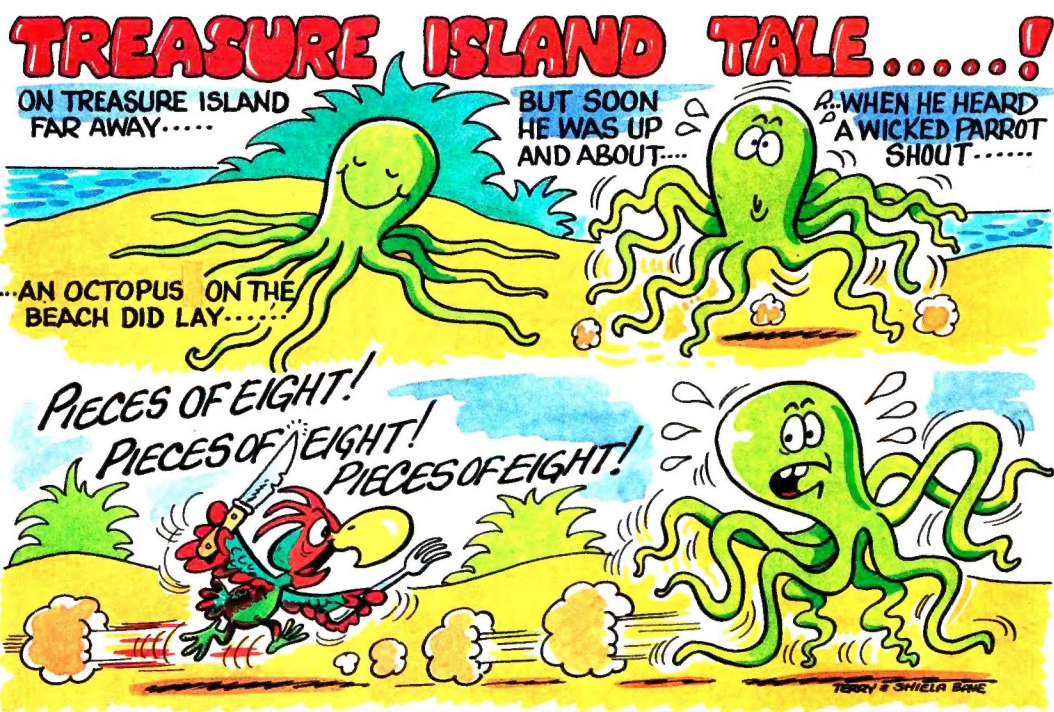
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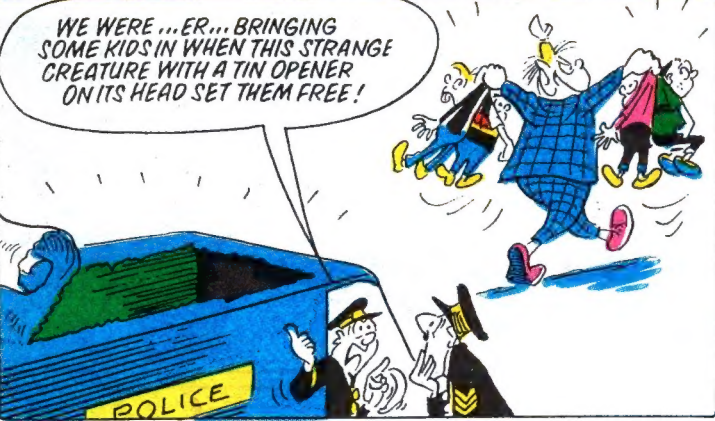


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BEASTENDERS

HERMAN'S SET A MONSTER LOOSE ON ALBERT SCARE...

WE WERE ...ER... BRINGING SOME KIDS IN WHEN THIS STRANGE CREATURE WITH A TIN OPENER ON ITS HEAD SET THEM FREE!



MEANWHILE...

PUT US DOWN AT ONCE!

OKAY!



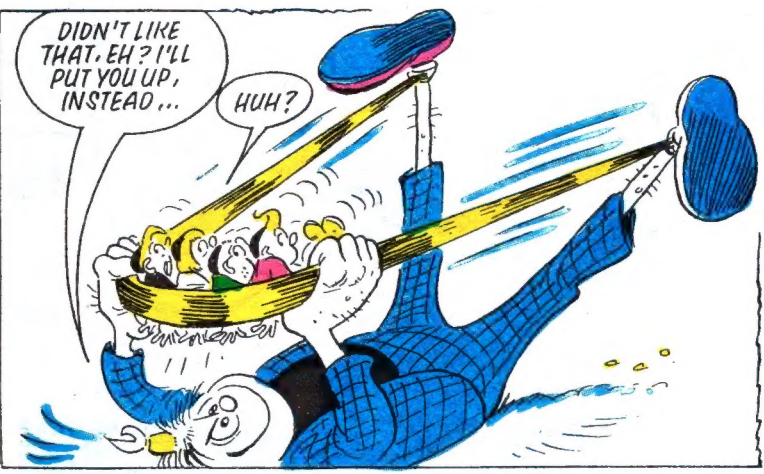
YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A BUNCH OF BRAINLESS TWERPS! HOW'S THAT FOR A PUT DOWN? HEH, HEH!

HAR, HAR! VERY FUNNY! GRR!



DIDN'T LIKE THAT, EH? I'LL PUT YOU UP, INSTEAD...

HUH?



...UP INTO ORBIT! HAW, HAW!

AAAGGGHHHH!

WANG!



THEY HAD A SOFT LANDING!

THE MONSTER'S GOOD - YOU HAVE TO GIVE HIM THAT!

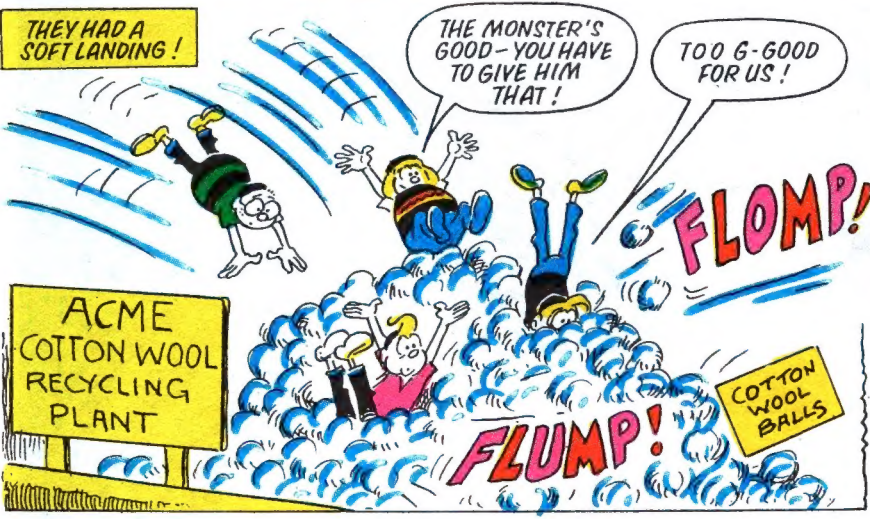
TOO G-GOOD FOR US!

FLUMP!

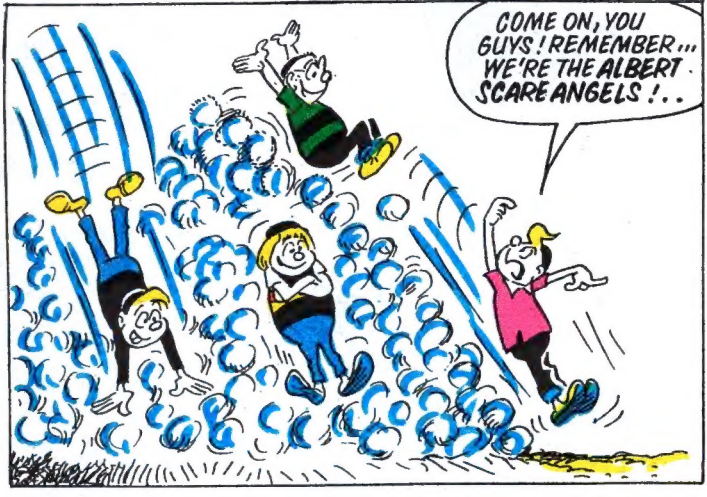
FLUMP!

ACME COTTON WOOL RECYCLING PLANT

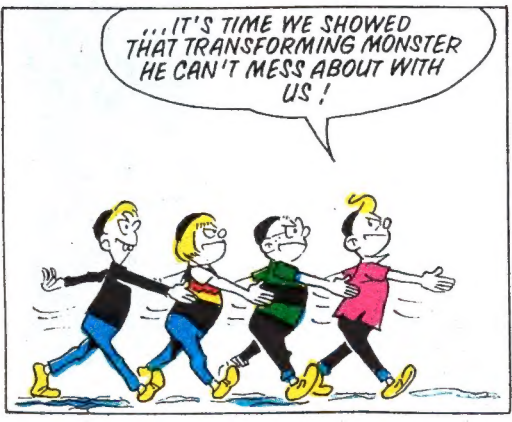
COTTON WOOL BALLS



COME ON, YOU GUYS! REMEMBER... WE'RE THE ALBERT SCARE ANGELS!...



...IT'S TIME WE SHOWED THAT TRANSFORMING MONSTER HE CAN'T MESS ABOUT WITH US!

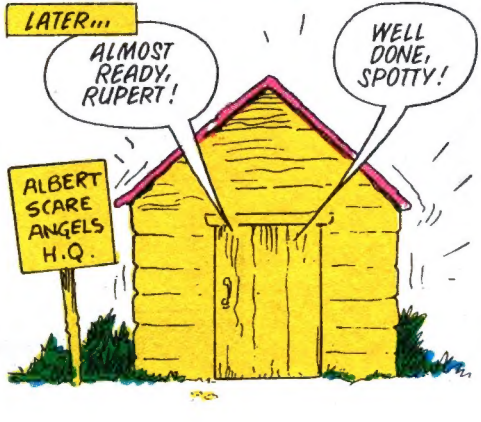


LATER...

ALMOST READY, RUPERT!

WELL DONE, SPOTTY!

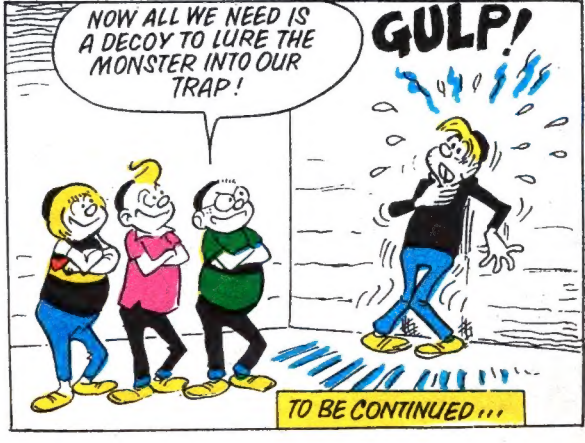
ALBERT SCARE ANGELS H.Q.

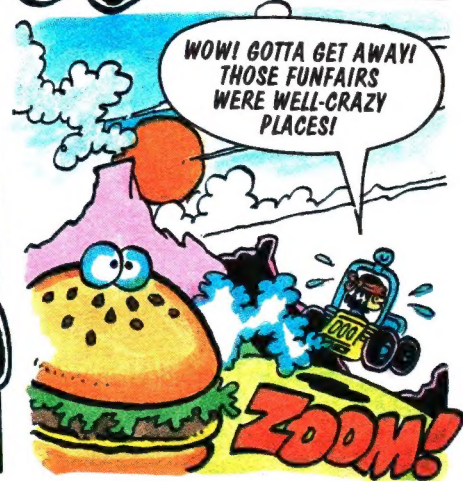
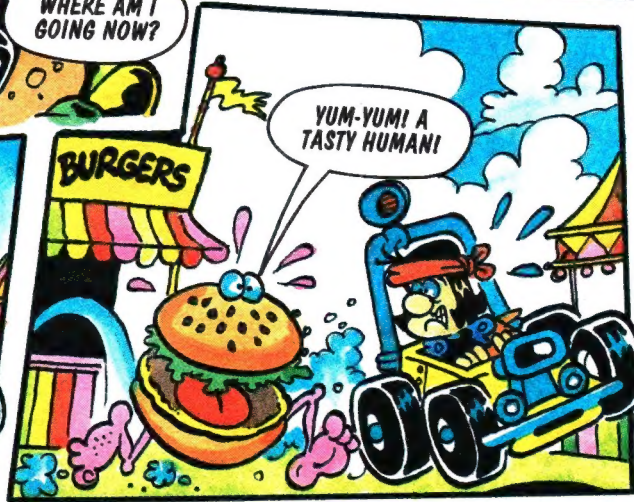
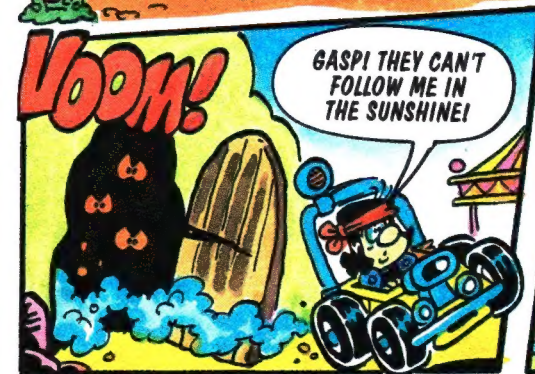
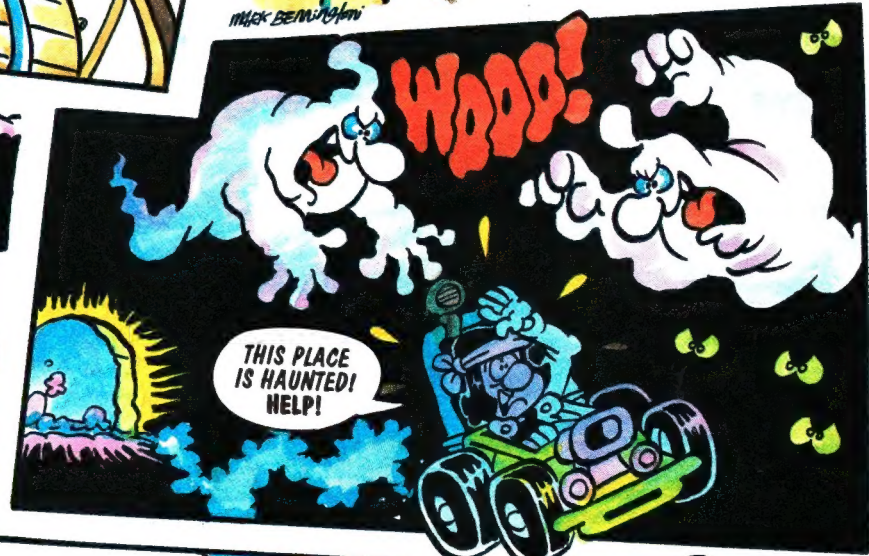
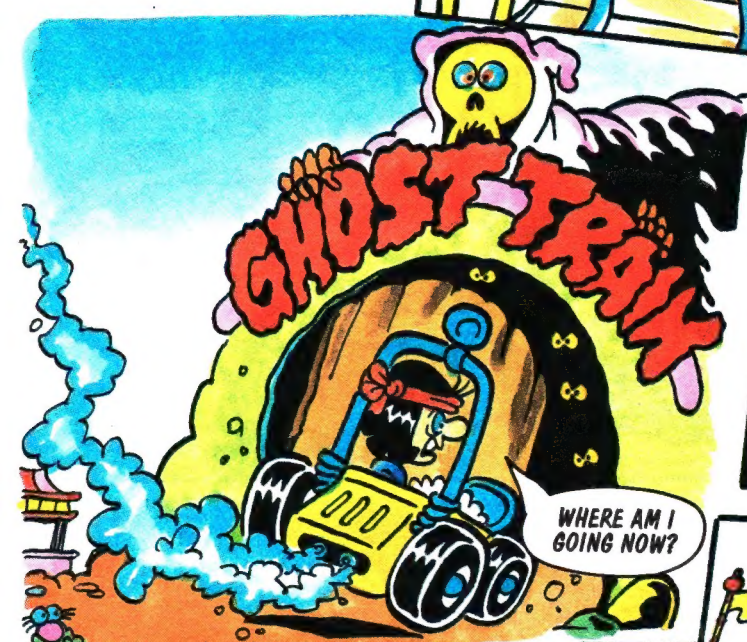
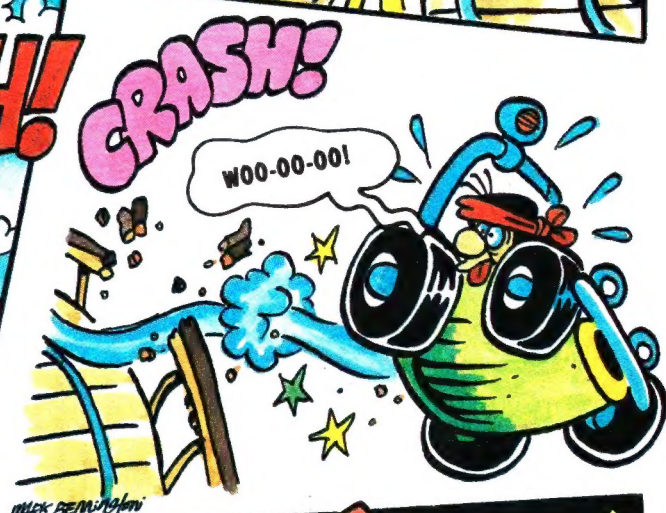
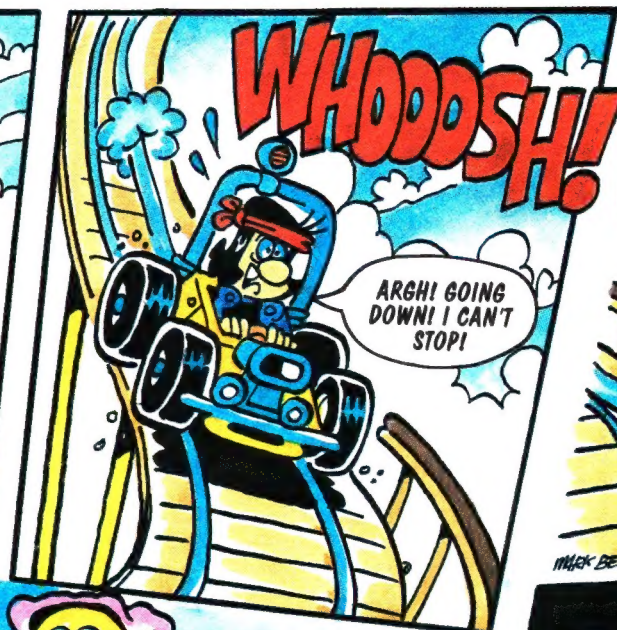
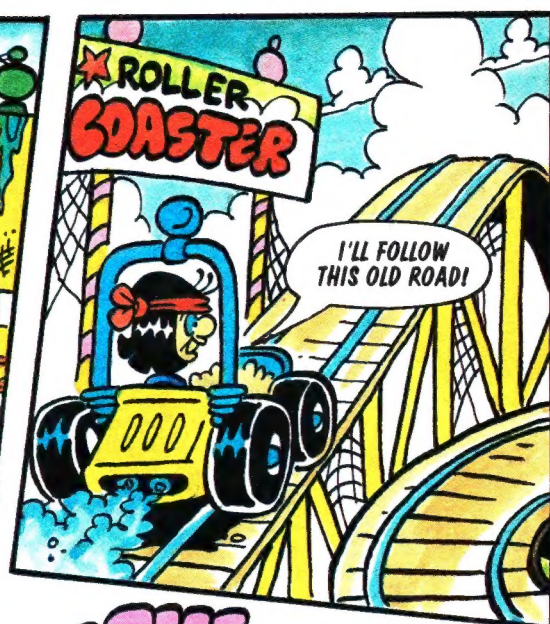


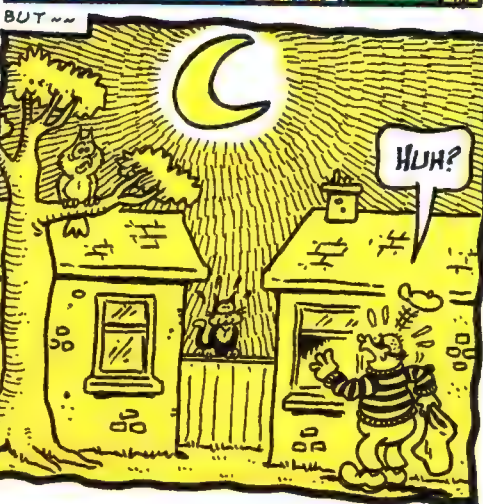
NOW ALL WE NEED IS A DECOY TO LURE THE MONSTER INTO OUR TRAP!

GULP!

TO BE CONTINUED...







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Dear Buster

THE SENDER OF EACH LETTER PUBLISHED RECEIVES

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Buster's Birthday List

13 AUG - ROD HULL (but not EMU).
15 AUG - JOHN-PAUL JONES (age 10), NORTHAMPTON.
15 AUG - CIARA NOONAN (age 4), KILKENNY.
15 AUG - PRINCESS ANNE.
16 AUG - MARK FREEMAN (age 15), DAVENTRY.
17 AUG - LINDA JONES (age 13), NORTHAMPTON.
18 AUG - PHILLIP BLOYE, NEW MALDEN.
18 AUG - LUCY VIOLA HAY (age 11), BRISTOL.
18 AUG - MICHAEL SIMMANS, WRITTLE.

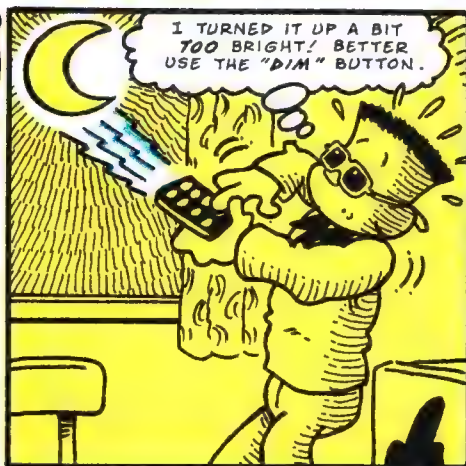
IF YOU'D LIKE YOUR BIRTHDAY TO APPEAR ON BUSTER'S LIST, SEND YOUR NAME, AGE AND ADDRESS, PLUS YOUR DATE OF BIRTH, TO: "BUSTER'S BIRTHDAY LIST" AT THE BUSTER ADDRESS.

**NEXT WEEK:
NatWest
WORLD SAVERS
COMPETITION!**

Dear Buster,

I think your comic is really cool and groovy. All my friends used to read Beano and other comics, until I brought a Buster to school - now they all read Buster. I think it's great the way your comic is all in colour. I have one complaint: **I THINK YOU SHOULD CHANGE YOUR HAT!!**
-KARIN FERRO, BRUSSELS, BELGIUM.

LIKE THIS, KARIN?





Dear Buster,

Please could you print my picture of my family's cat, Thomas, because I think he is extra cute - nearly as cute as your cap!!

-CLAIRE TODD, HULL.

...I didn't print your photo by accident, Claire - I did it on PURR-PUSS!!

Dear Buster,

I have an unusual hobby. I collect bits of plants and I study snail shells. I would be very pleased if you would print a page in your brilliant comic for such unusual hobbies.

-HEID COLLYMORE, PLUMSTEAD.

...Bits of plants? Snail shells?? You're not related to my pet worm, Squorm, are you??!

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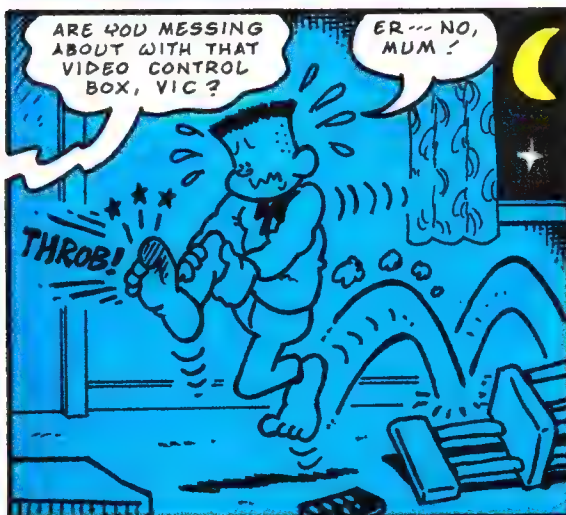
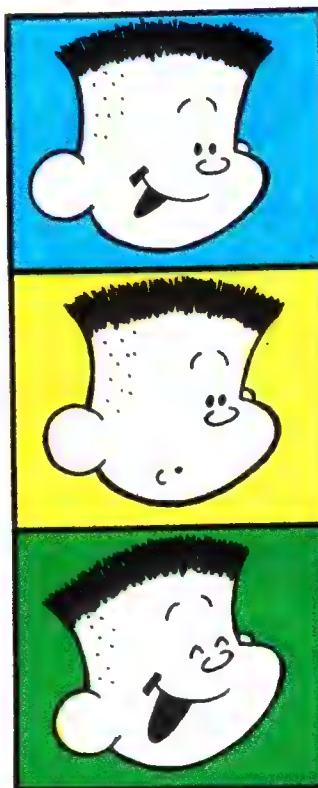
VIC'S VIDS

Freebies!

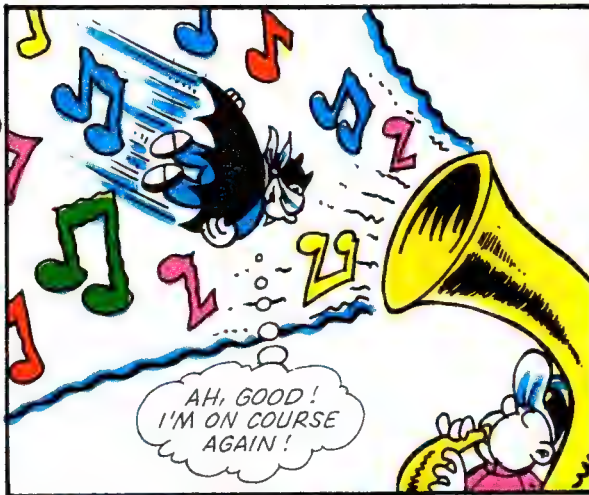
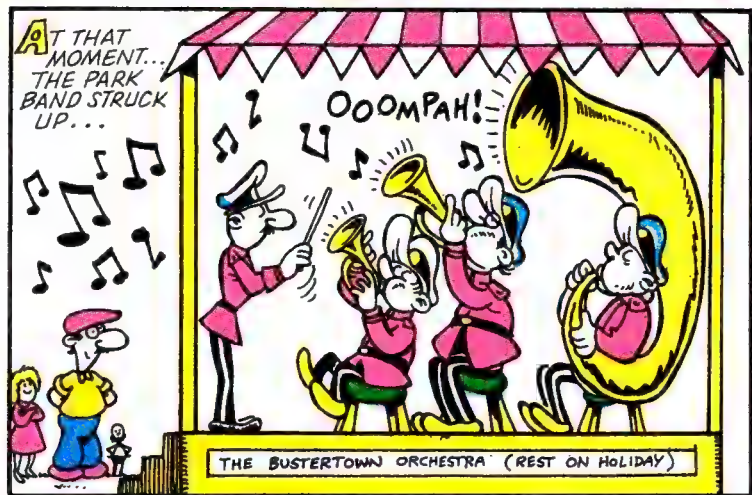
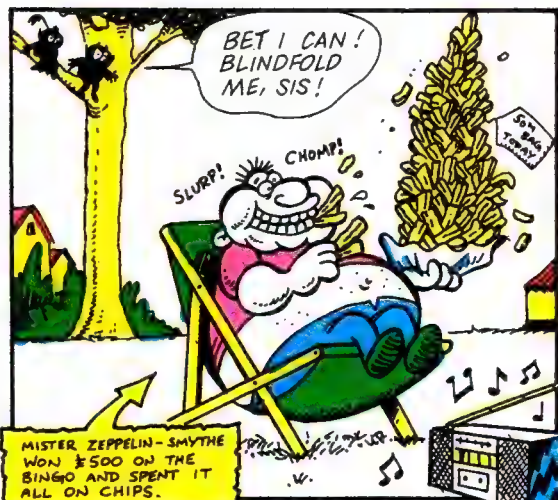
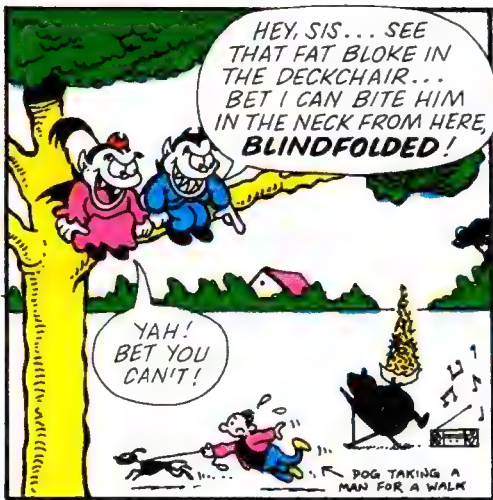


I had a few 'bright' ideas in this week's strip pals... and I had another bright idea when I persuaded my good friends at Video Collection International to let me have 10 of these 'More Children's Holiday Favourites' vids to give away as this week's 'Freebies'. TV's Count Duckula, Dangermouse and Mr. Toad all appear on

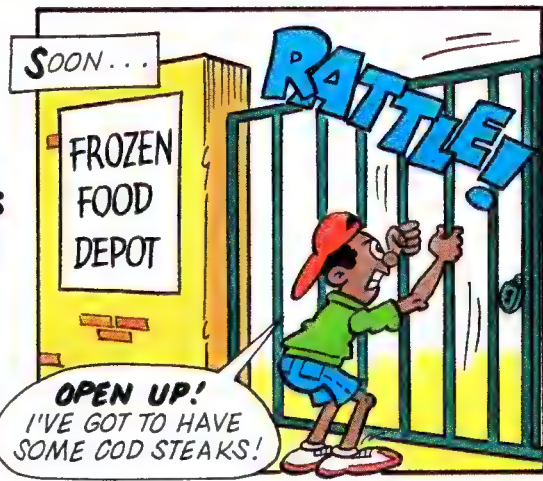
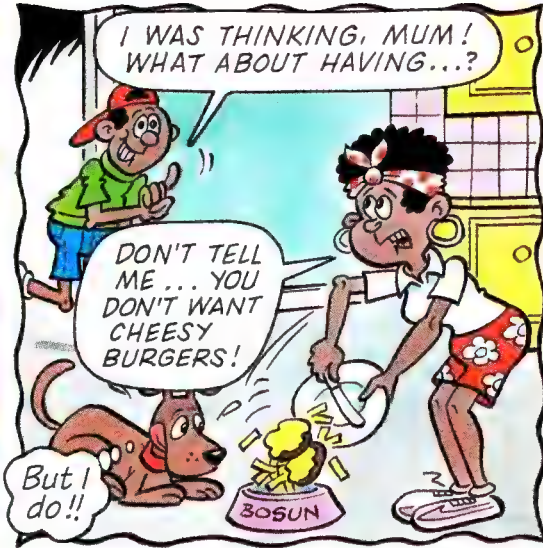
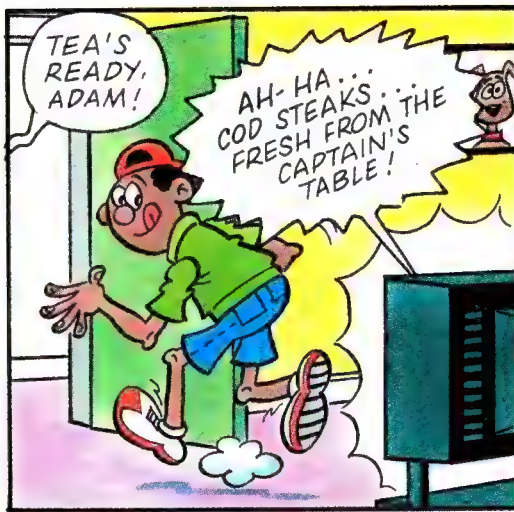
this terrific tape. If you bought the video yourself it would cost £7.99 - but if you're one of the ten lucky winners pulled from my postbag after the closing date of 28th August, you'll get the video FREE. Just send your name and address on a postcard, or the back of a stuck-down empty envelope to 'Holiday Favourites Freebies' at the Buster address - and who knows, you could soon be enjoying some 'Freebie' fun!



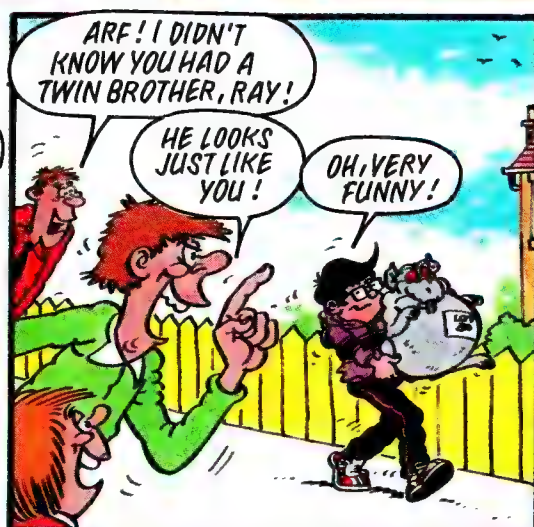
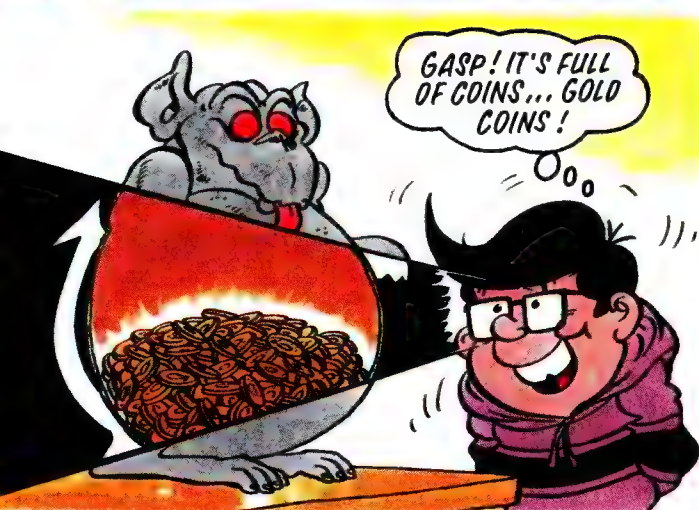
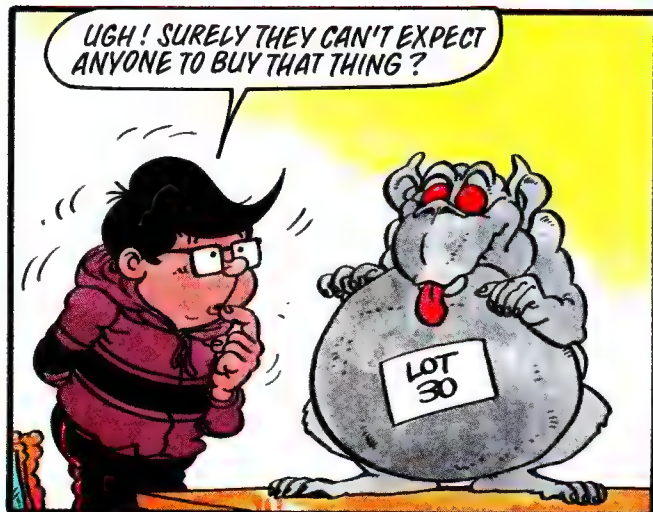
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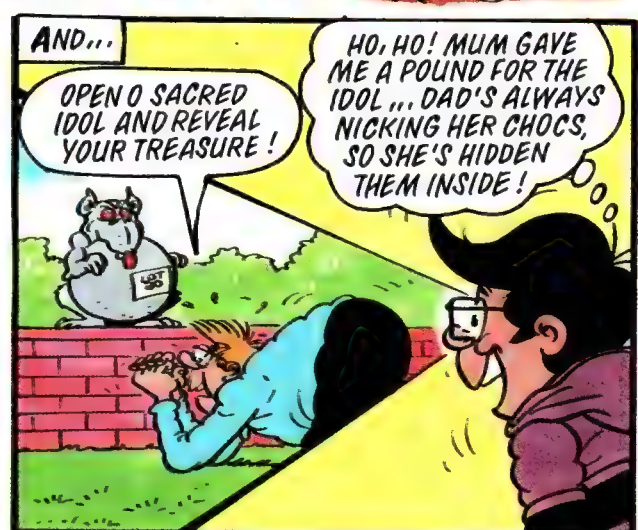
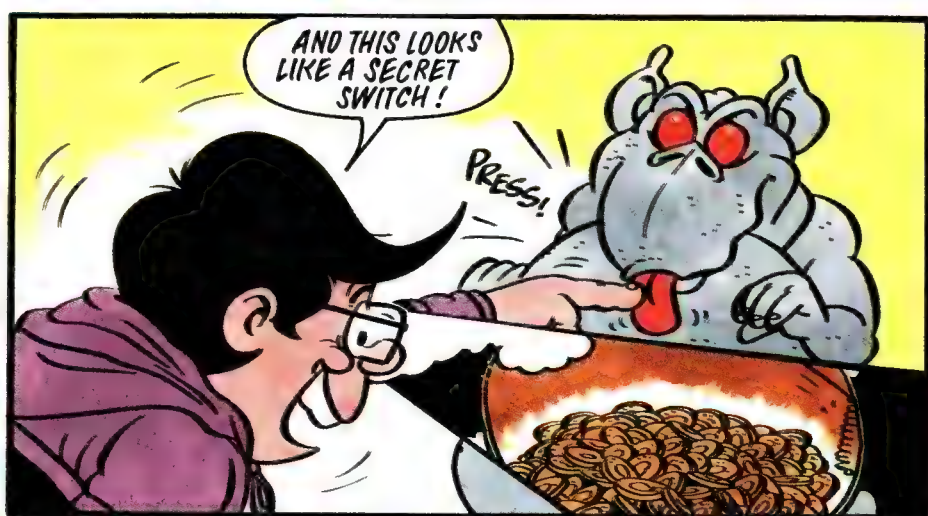
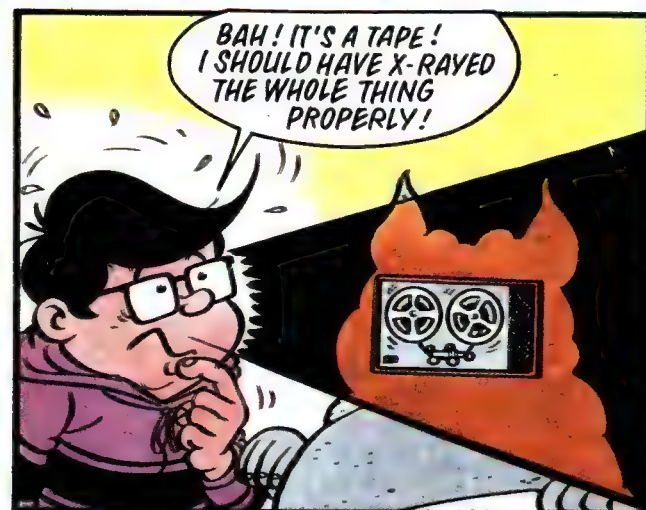
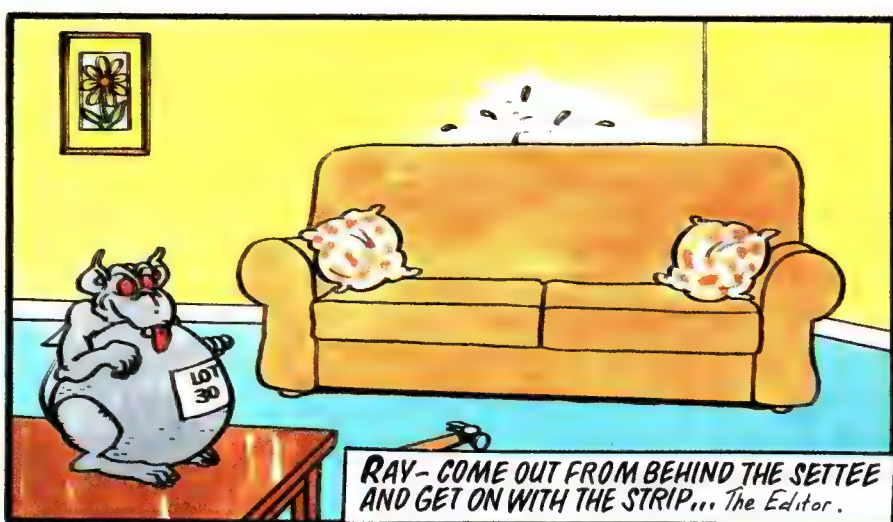
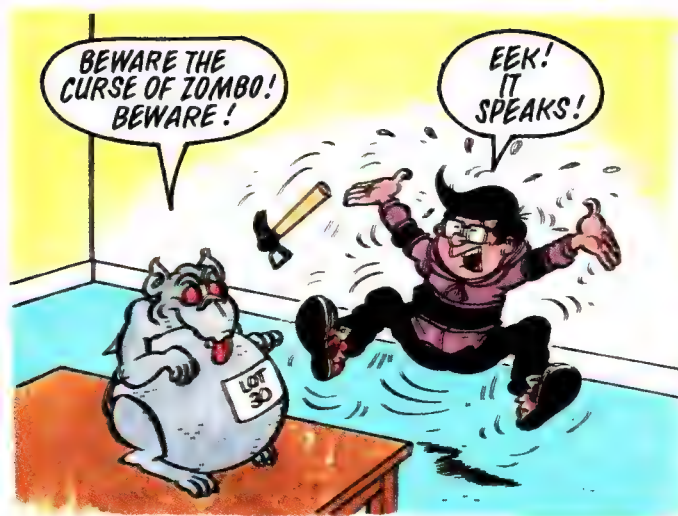


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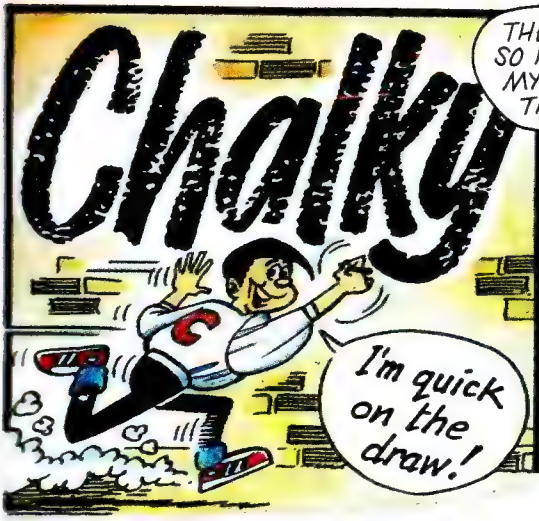
X-RAY SPECS





DRACULA DOBBS





THE ARTIST'S ILL, SO I'VE GOT TO DRAW MY OWN STORY THIS WEEK!

I'm quick on the draw!



I'LL START BY MAKING MYSELF THE RICHEST BOY IN THE WORLD!



BUT...

YOUR LEMONADE, MASTER!

YAWN! BEING MEGA-RICH IS MEGA-BORING!

HUH! TYPICAL RIFF-RAFF OPINION!



SO...

I'LL BECOME THE WORLD'S BEST FOOT-BALL PLAYER INSTEAD!

CHEER! RAVE!



YEAH! WHAT A GOAL!



MANCHESTER UNITED WANT TO SIGN YOU!

NO, SIGN FOR LIVERPOOL!

CONTRACT

CONTRACT

THEN...



I'M ABOUT TO BECOME THE MOST HANDSOME BOY IN THE WORLD!



GOSH! GO OUT WITH ME, CHALKY!

GO OUT WITH ME AS WELL—PLEASE!

SWOON!

FAINT!

GORGEOUS BOO GIRLS

CHALKY'S A FAB DRAW!



THERE'S NO LIMIT TO MY POWERS! HEH, HEH!



BUT...

THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE **WRONG!**

Editor's Voice:

UH-OH! I FORGOT ABOUT THE EDITOR'S RUBBER!

RUB! RUB!

ARE YOU BOSSY?

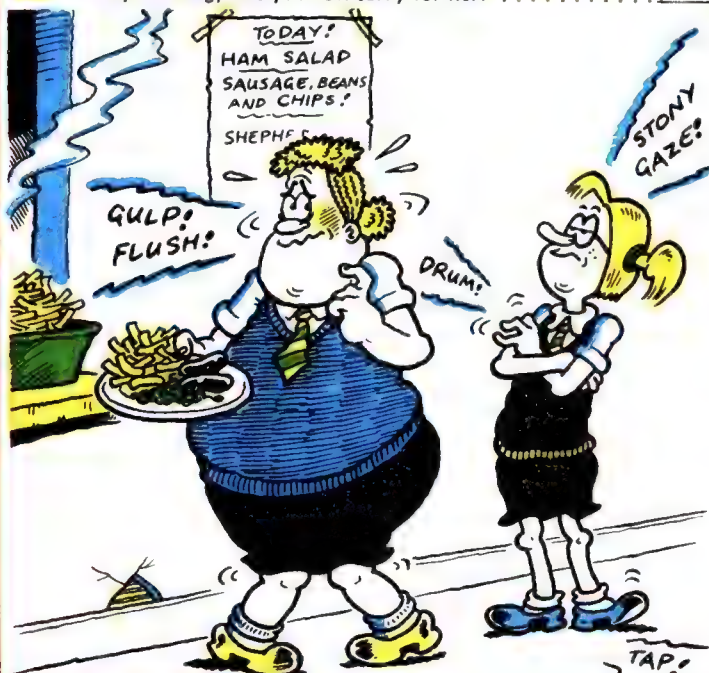
To find out, answer each of the questions, tick the appropriate box, then check your score.

- 1 BREAKFAST TIME AND DAD'S LATE FOR WORK! DO YOU...**
- A. Go and get his coat for him? ☐
 - B. Mutter that he shouldn't stay up so late watching the telly? ☐
 - C. Tell him he's going to be even later 'cos he's got to put the dustbins out? ☐

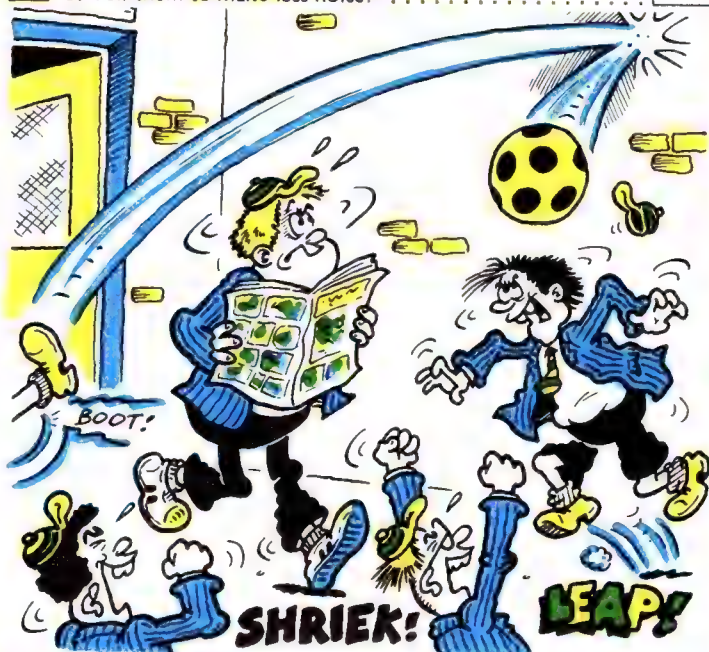
- 2 TEACH TELLS THE CLASS TO WRITE AN ESSAY ON 'WHAT I WANT TO BE WHEN I LEAVE SCHOOL'! DO YOU CHOOSE...**
- A. Captain of England Football team? ☐
 - B. The Prime Minister? ☐
 - C. A Pop Star? ☐

- 3 IN P.E., THE GYM TEACHER CHOOSES TWO CAPTAINS AND SPLITS THE CLASS IN HALF FOR A TEAM GAME! DO YOU...**
- A. Just get on with the game? ☐
 - B. Wish you'd been chosen captain of your team? ☐
 - C. Tell your gym teacher there should be a proper vote over who should be captain? ☐

- 4 YOUR OVERWEIGHT PAL IS SUPPOSED TO BE ON A DIET, BUT ASKS THE DINNER-LADY FOR SAUSAGE AND CHIPS! DO YOU...**
- A. Give her a lecture about will-power and calories etc.? ☐
 - B. Tell the dinner-lady your pal's parents have forbidden fattening foods? ☐
 - C. Say nothing, 'cos you feel sorry for her? ☐



- 5 BREAKTIME AND SOME YOUNGER KIDS ARE KICKING A BALL AROUND AND MAKING LOTS OF NOISE! DO YOU...**
- A. Confiscate the ball and say they can have it back at the end of the day? ☐
 - B. Join in the game? ☐
 - C. Tell them to make less noise? ☐



- 6 A NICE KID IN YOUR CLASS ASKS YOU IF YOU'D LIKE TO GO TO HIS BIRTHDAY PARTY! DO YOU...**
- A. Say, "Yes", and give him a list of party games to play? ☐
 - B. Tell him he's got to send you a proper written invitation card and then you'll consider it? ☐
 - C. Say, "Yes", and thank him? ☐

Warden! Major or a Traffic up to be a Sergeant will probably grow more often! You ask you to join in why the class don't can't understand be captain, but you organise them and unless you can won't play games one know it! You and always let every- about everything you know best Phew! You think could do better! But generally you will go along with the majority and back down rather than have a big barney! 16-30	You are certainly not the bossy type! In fact, you probably go too far the other way and let people boss you around! But as long as you're having a good time, you couldn't care less who's in charge! 0-5
1. A-0, B-3, C-5 2. A-3, B-5, C-0 3. A-0, B-3, C-5 4. A-3, B-5, C-0 5. A-5, B-0, C-3 6. A-3, B-5, C-0	

TURN THE PAGE TO CHECK YOUR SCORE

Do you
**WISH YOU
WERE HERE?**



I'M GOING
BACK IN TIME
FOR THIS WEEK'S
HOLIDAY
REPORT!



I'M GOING TO
SPEND A WEEK
IN THIS
STONE AGE
VILLAGE!



LATER...



WELL,
HERE I AM—
AS A CAVEWOMAN...
AND I'M
STARVING!

COME
BACK AND
BE MY
DINNER!



No chance,
mate!



Hoo! Hoo!
What a clown!
I'm supposed
to do the
hopping!

GOTCHA!

Urk! I'm
history!



IT'S NO GOOD—
I CAN'T EAT THIS
LITTLE CHAP, EVEN IF
I AM STARVING!



Phew!
Saved!

THAT WAS
SO KIND— COME
AND HAVE SOME
OF MY VEGETABLE
BAKE!

WHO,
ME?



EXTRAS?

YEAH! THAT
TASTED GREAT!



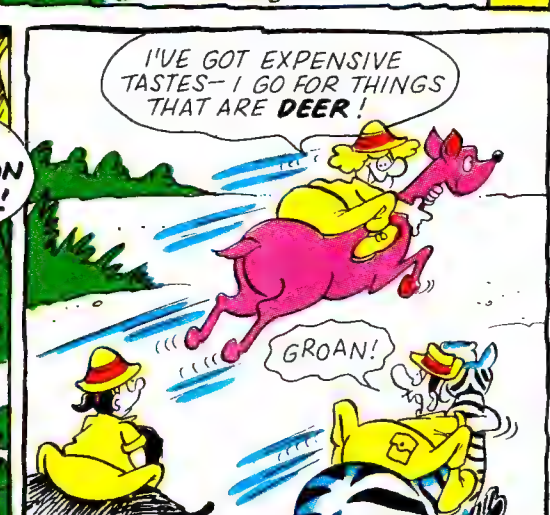
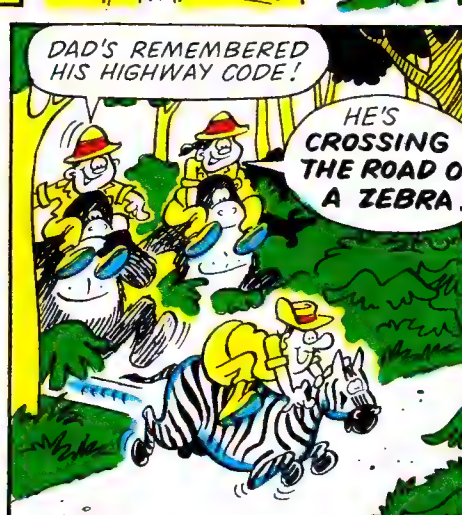
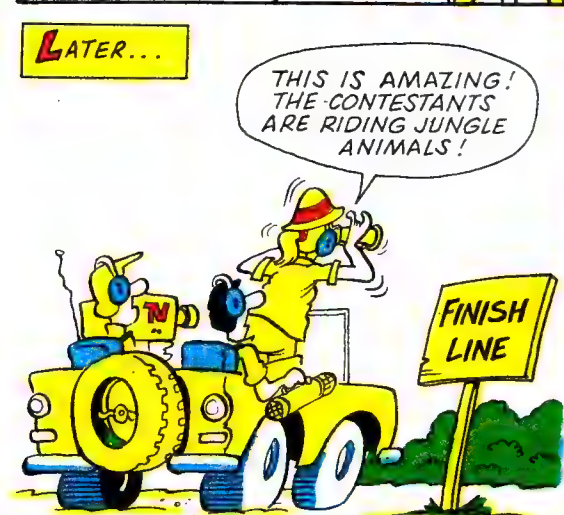
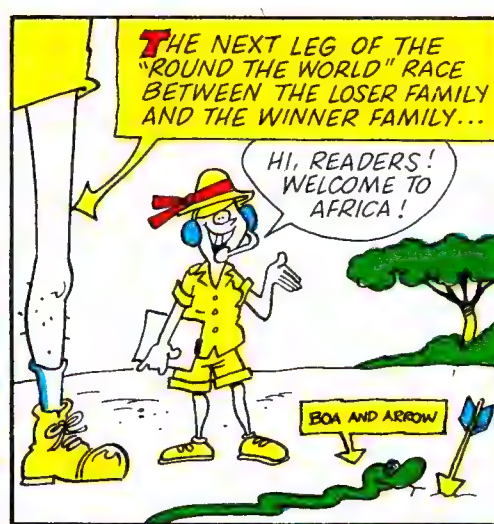
COME ON, BACK TO THE
STUDIO. WE'VE A PRO-
GRAMME TO MAKE!



BUT I
WANT TO
STAY!

PROGRESS?
BAH! GIVE ME
THE 'GOOD OLD
DAYS'!

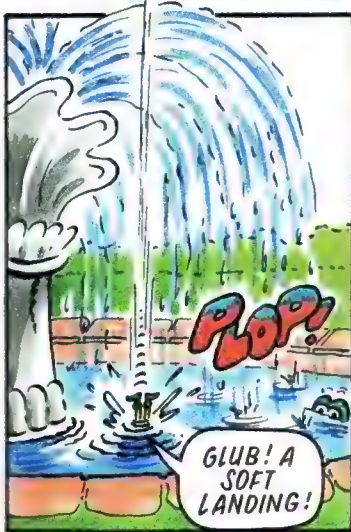
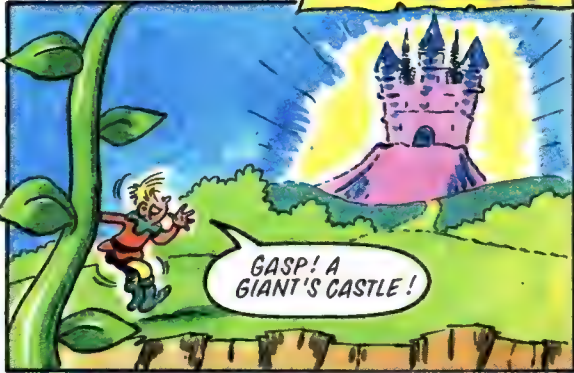
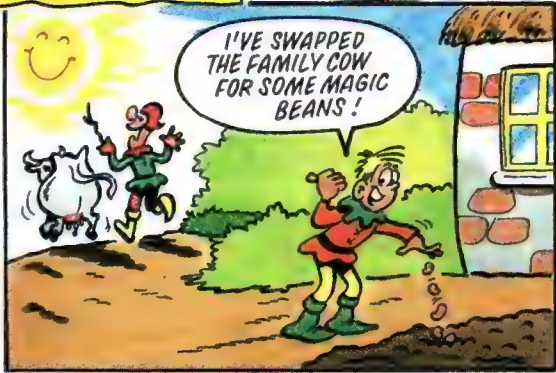




DOUBLE TROUBLE

JON AND THE BEANSTALK

FEATURING JON AND SUZY



The Leopard from LIME ST.

BILLY FARMER, THE SCHOOLBOY WHO HAD GAINED THE POWERS OF A FULLY-GROWN LEOPARD, WASN'T GETTING ON VERY WELL WITH HIS COUSIN, KAREN BLAKE, WHO WAS STAYING AT HIS HOUSE FOR A FEW DAYS. WHEN BILLY SET OFF TO INTERCEPT A JEWEL ROBBERY, HE HAD NO IDEA THAT KAREN WAS WATCHING HIM...

KAREN, WHO WAS IN THE ACT OF RUNNING AWAY, COULD HARDLY BELIEVE HER EYES...

IT... IT'S **THE LEOPARDMAN!** HE CAME STRAIGHT OUT OF **BILLY'S ROOM!**

SO THOSE STORIES MUST BE TRUE—ABOUT BILLY BEING **FRIENDLY** WITH THAT... **THING!**

SHE FORGOT ALL ABOUT RUNNING AWAY...

I THINK I'LL TAKE A PEEP IN BILLY'S ROOM, JUST TO MAKE SURE THAT HE'S STILL IN BED!

BUT...

BAH! THE DOOR'S LOCKED! NOW WHY WOULD HE WANT TO DO THAT?

HMM... MAYBE MY ROTTEN, LITTLE COUSIN HAS GOT **SOMETHING TO HIDE!**

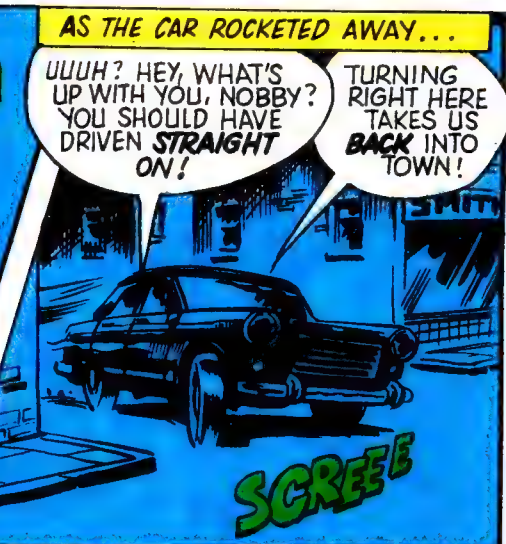
MEANWHILE...

BILLY HAD OVERHEARD TWO MEN PLANNING THE ROBBERY IN A CAFE...

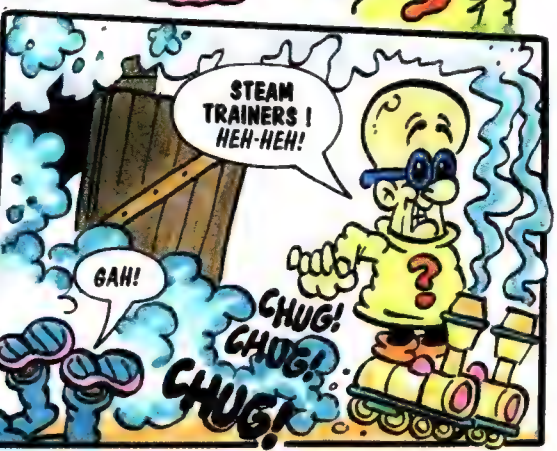
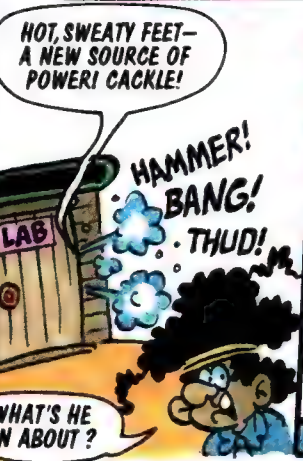
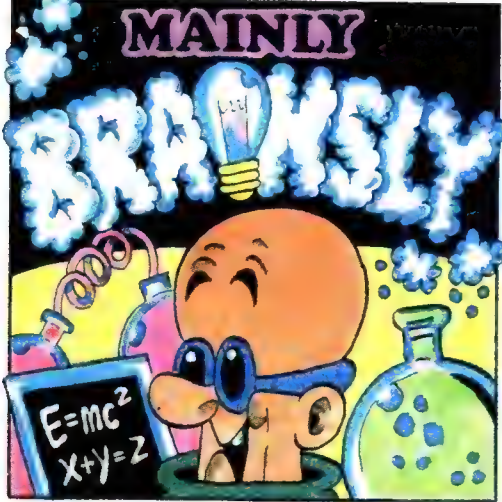
AH, THERE'S THE **GETAWAY CAR!**

NOW TO SURPRISE THE DRIVER!

THIS IS THE YARD BEHIND **MASON'S THE JEWELLERS!** IF ALL IS GOING TO PLAN, THE CROOKS SHOULD BE IN THERE BY NOW!



Will Billy obey the crook's command? See next week!



WHAT HAS
TWO HEADS,
THREE HANDS,
TWO NOSES AND
FIVE FEET?

HA-HA!

ROBER.
15 10 !

SARAH
IS 83%

SARAH O'MAHONY, MILL STREET.

HO-
HO!

TAKE
AWAY ITS
FOOD!

JAMES IS
NEARLY 7!

JAMES WARBURTON, LONDON.

MUM! COME
AND LOOK—
DAD'S ON
THE TELLY!

NEIL
10

YOU CAN'T
SLEEP IN
MY CLASS!

I COULD
YOU DIDN
SPEAK S
LOUD !

SETH HARRIS, CHESWICK GREEN.

WHAT DID THE
FIRST TONSIL SAY
TO THE SECOND
TONSIL?

GET DRESSED
QUICKLY — THE
DOCTOR'S
TAKING US
OUT!

ANDREW BOXALL, YAPTON

MIRROR, MIRROR,
ON THE WALL,
WHO IS THE FAIREST
OF THEM ALL?

PASS.

JANINE DAY, ENFIELD

MARK HANNON, ARTANE

**KARATE CLUB
BEGINNERS'
CLASS**

Attach this to your joke

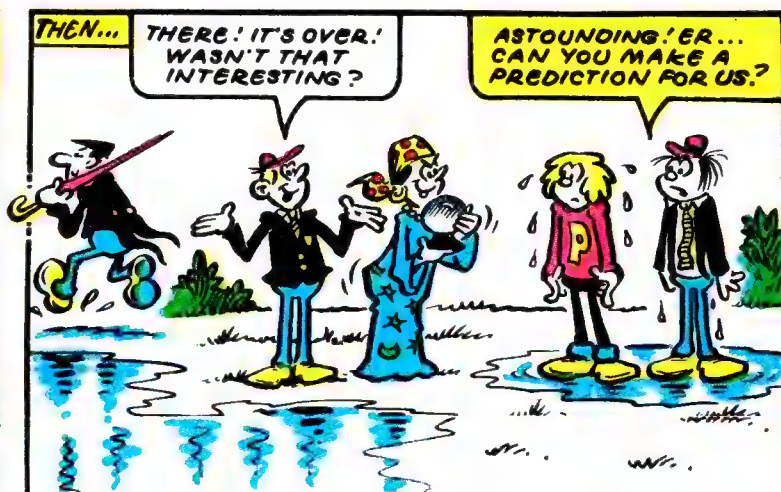
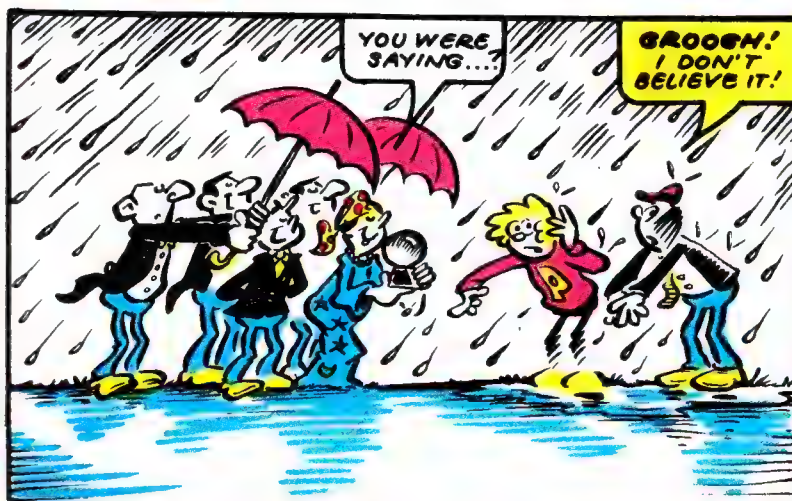
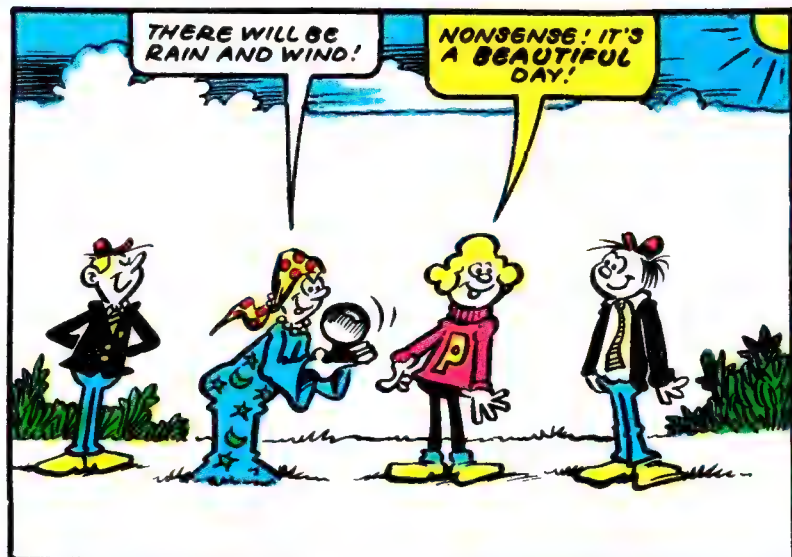
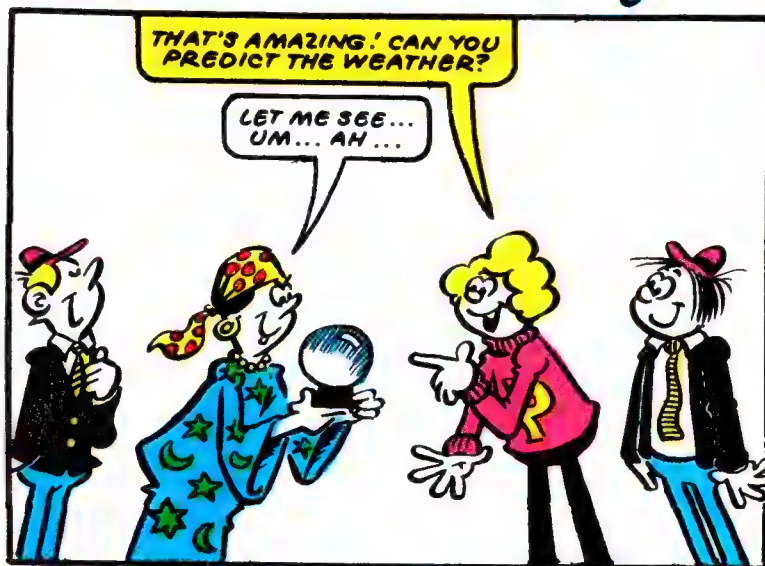
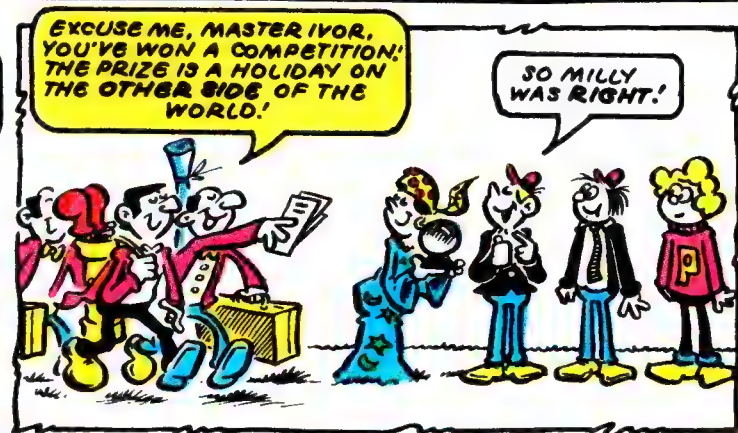
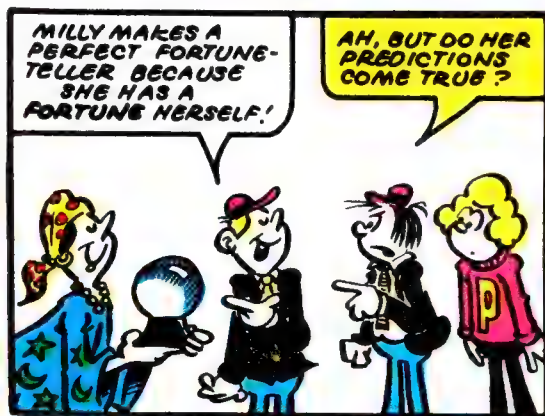
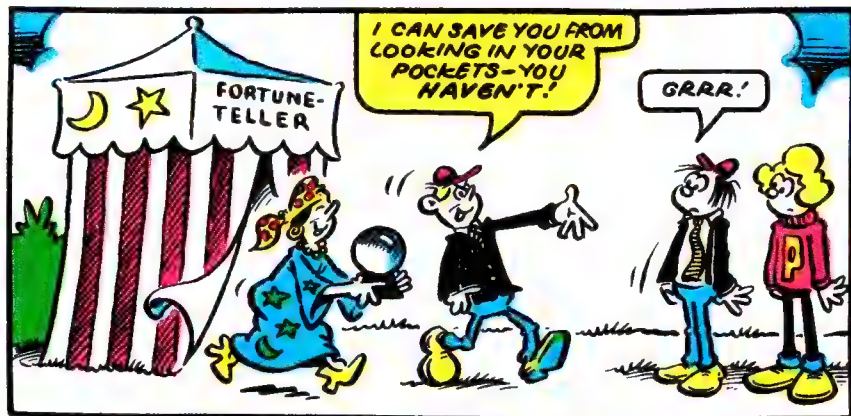
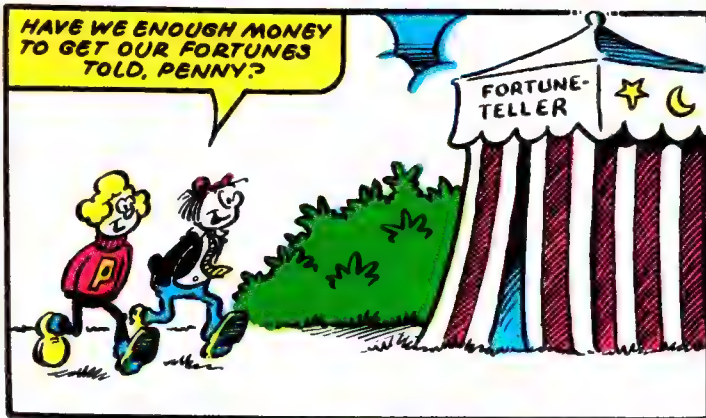
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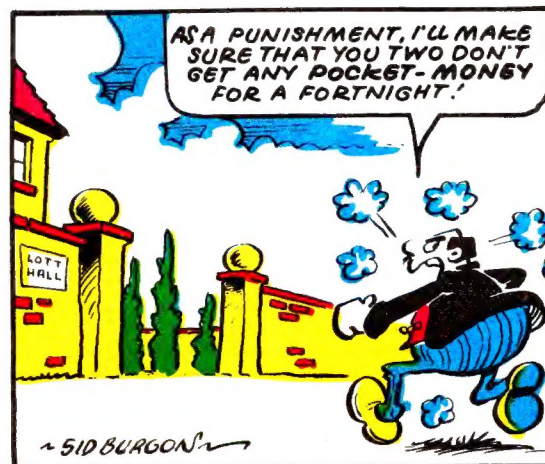
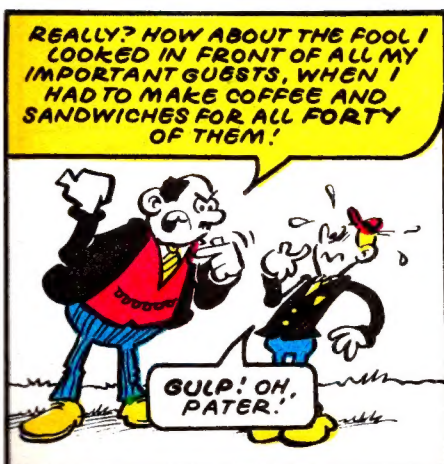
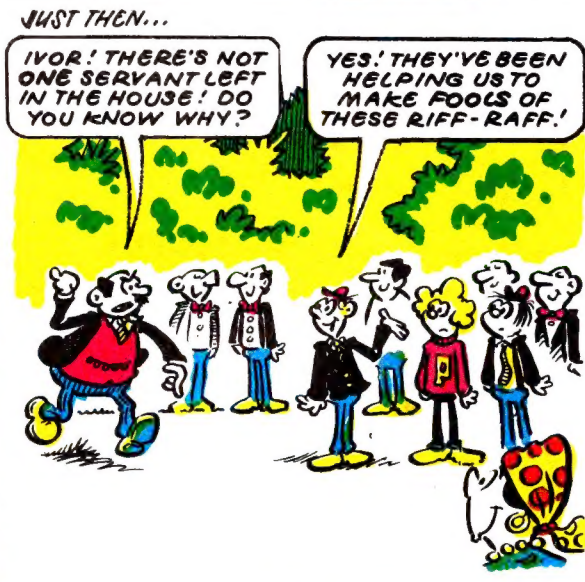
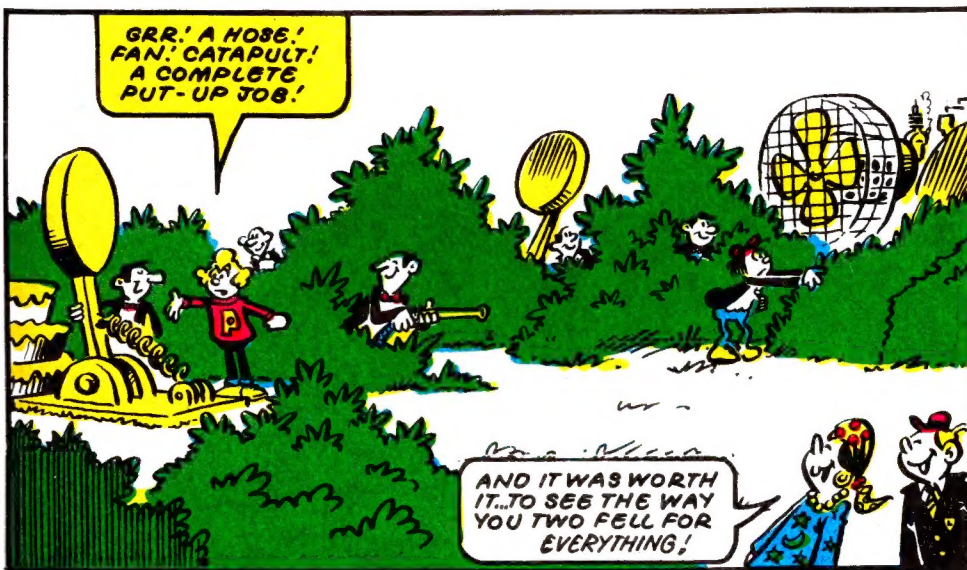
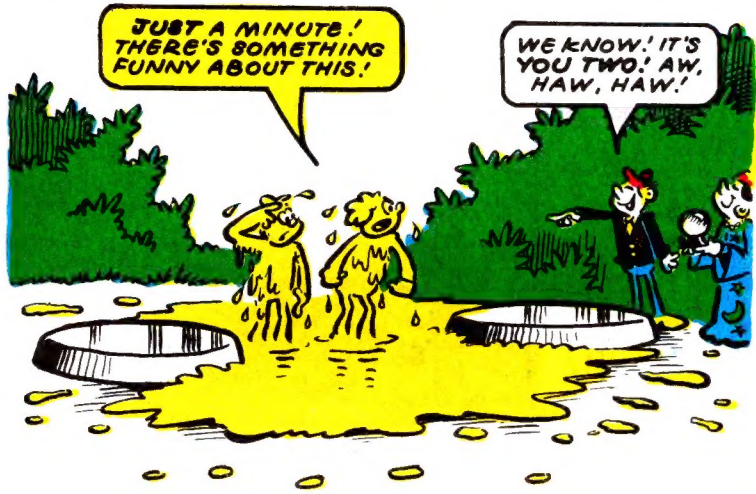
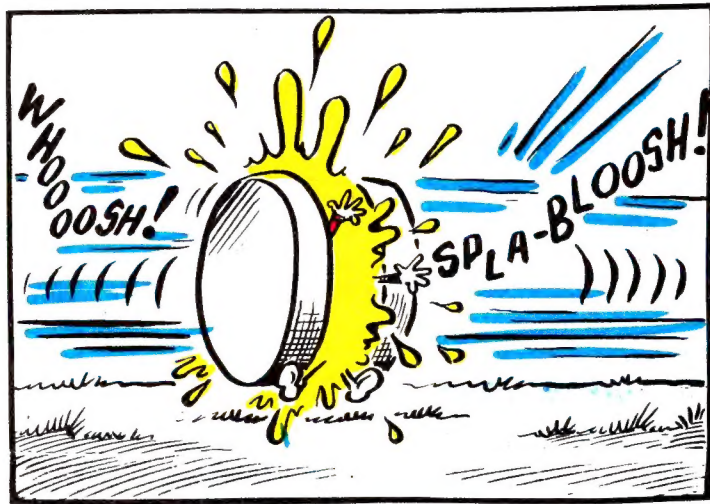
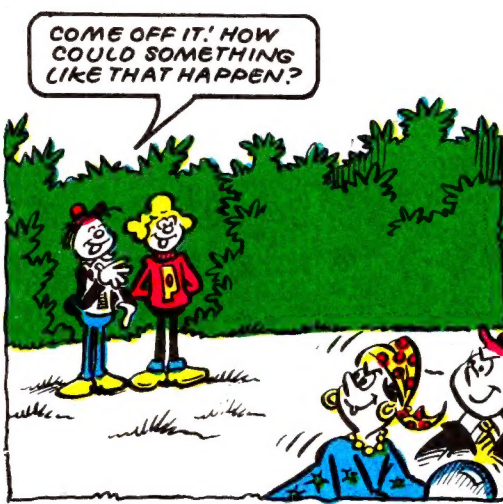
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Features I hate:

IVOR LOTT and TONY BROKE

With
MILLY O'NAIRE
and
PENNY LESS



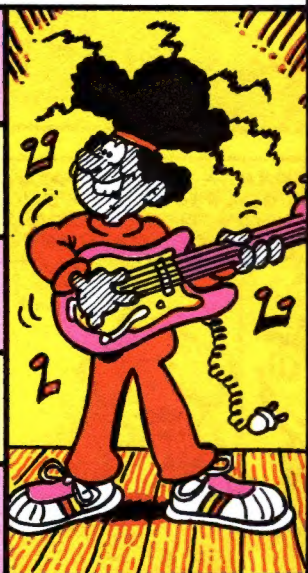


Brain Busters!

Popquiz!

CAN YOU CORRECT THE MISTAKES IN THESE SONG TITLES?

- 1 VAGUE
- 2 WORLD IN MOTION
- 3 STOP BY STOP
- 4 DO THE DOIN'
- 5 HEAR THE BOWLER (GET THE WICKET)



X-WORD

ANSWER THE CLUES ACROSS AND THE TWO DIAGONALS WILL SPELL THE NAMES OF BUSTER CHARACTERS!

1	V	A	L	L	E	X
2	F	I	E	L	D	S
3	M	I	D	D	L	E
4	W	E	E	K	L	Y
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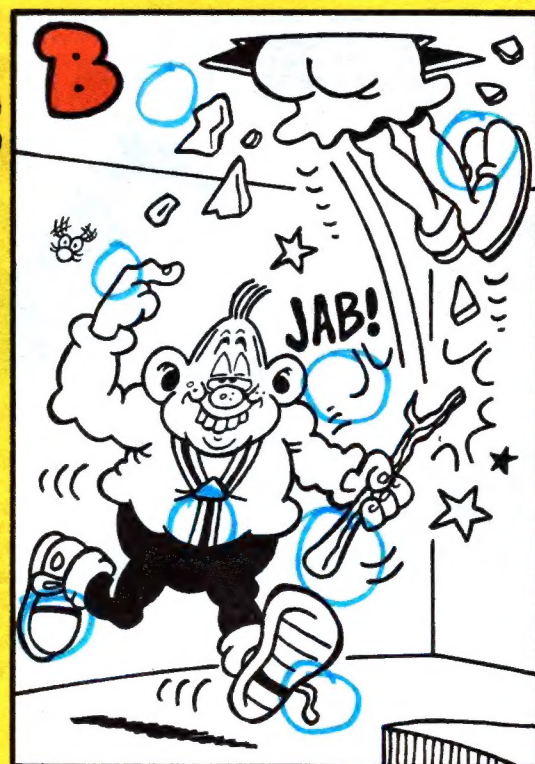
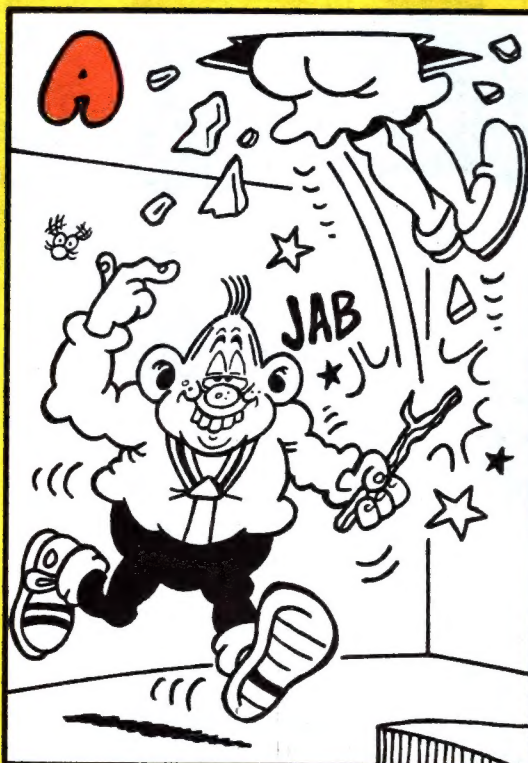
- CLUES:
1. LOW GROUND BETWEEN HILLS.
 2. FARMERS GROW CROPS IN THESE.
 3. CENTRE.
 4. ONCE EVERY SEVEN DAYS.
 5. A TYPE OF NUT, OR A COUNTRY.
 6. PAL.

POPQUIZ: 1. VOGUE; 2. WORLD IN MOTION; 3. STEP BY STEP; 4. Doin' THE DO; 5. HEAR THE DRUMMER (GET THE WICKET). X-WORD: 1. VALLEY; 2. FIELDS; 3. MIDDLE; 4. WEEKLY; 5. BRAZIL; 6. FRIEND.

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